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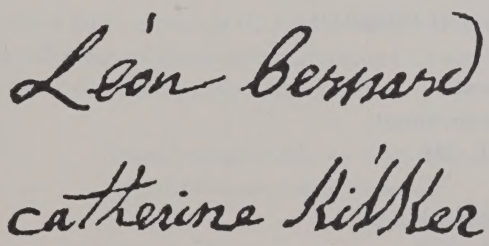

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Leo J. Bernard who has devoted the past fifteen years to discovering his ancestors.

And finally to my father William A. Bernard who at the age of 97 is the oldest surviving Bernard family member.

"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859)
English Historian/Author/Statesman

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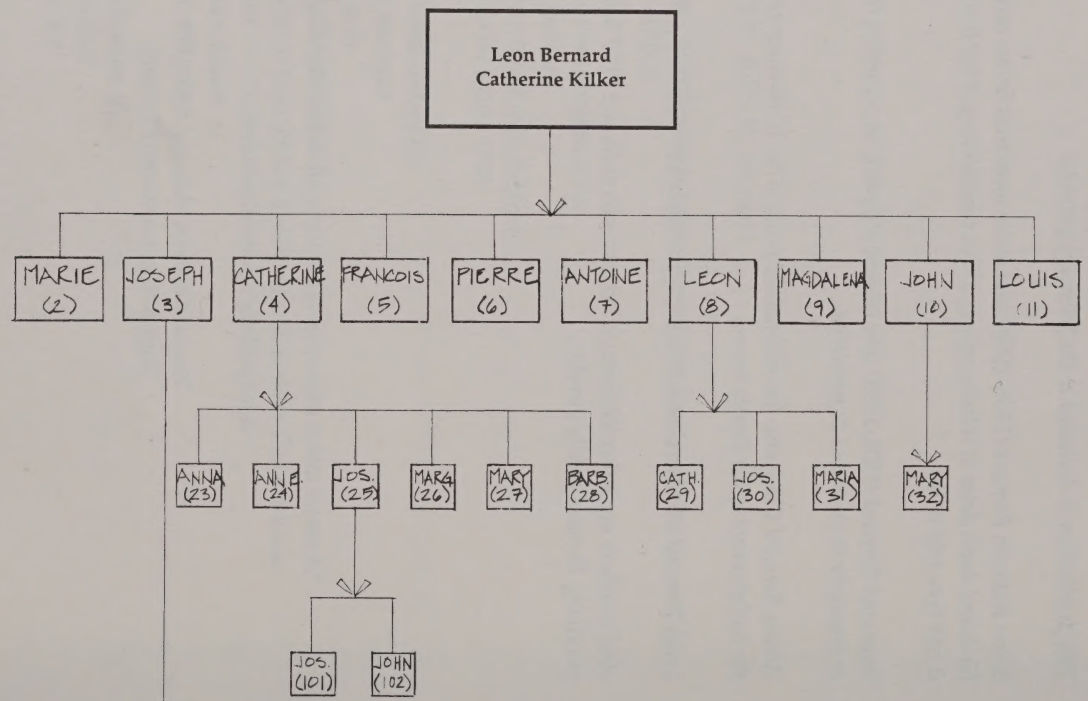

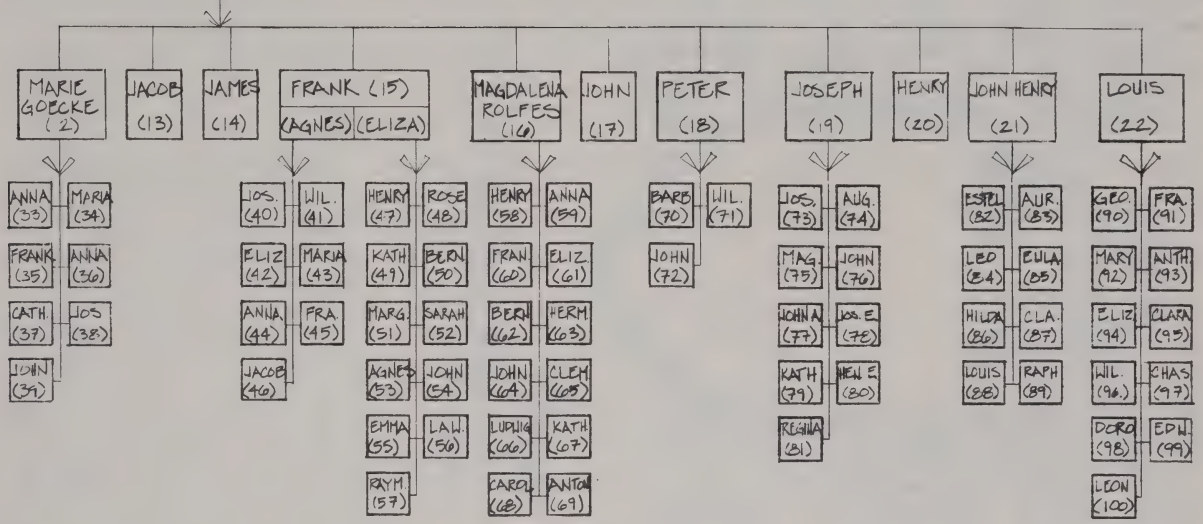
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The name **BERNARD** is from the Germanized name Bernhard or Bernhardt composed of "Bern" meaning bear and "hard" meaning brave, hearty, and strong. It can be traced to the fifth century. The surname most likely evolved in the 11th through the 14th centuries and was especially popular in France, England, and Switzerland after the Catholic Church allowed its believers to choose their own names from any source they desired. Since our family probably originated in Switzerland, the name was likely taken from St. Bernard of Menthon (923-1008), a patron saint of the Alpine region. Another St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091 - 1153) was the founder and abbot of the Cistercian Monastery at Clairvaux. There are many variations of the Bernard surname and crest throughout Europe.

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FOREWORD

The French settlers who came to Ohio in the early and middle years of the 1800's were overwhelmingly from northeastern France – from the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine as well as Franche-Comte and French-speaking regions of Switzerland and Belgium. For a span of nearly fifty years, from the 1820s into the 1860s, the stream of French immigrants flowed unceasingly from Le Havre to New York and New Orleans, then pushed into Ohio to put down Gallic roots which have flourished ever since.

Primarily farming families, these immigrants, like the Bernards, sought promising land to follow the same occupation in the new world. While it seems that some of the earlier immigrant families came on their own, later arrivals usually traveled in sizable groups, often related by blood and marriage, from the same village or district.

By 1838, a rather widespread French community was beginning to form in the northern Miami Valley, led by young men who had come as boys from France to Stark County some ten years before. The French had settled there around Canton in large numbers in the early 1820's. A decade or so later, the new generation was pushing on further west bringing their own families into another wilderness. They were soon joined by new French immigrants coming directly from Europe, who reached the interior of the state by way of the Miami-Erie canal system.

To meet their religious needs, these French Catholics petitioned the Archbishop of Cincinnati to send them a French speaking priest. In 1839, Father Joseph Navarron, a native of Clermont, France, was sent to establish the parish of St. Valbert, near Versailles Ohio. The little log church was situated at a midway point to other French settlements, namely Frenchtown, Versailles, and Russia. Besides serving these parishioners, Father Navarron also ministered to distant Catholics in Shelby, Mercer, and Auglaize Counties. Riding horseback along forest tracks, between 1841 and 1845, he visited the pioneer Catholic settlements in Newport, Ft. Loramie, Minster, St. John in Maria Stein, St. Henry, Philothea, Celina and St. Marys.

As these communities grew and prospered, they formed their own parishes. St. Valbert's parish slowly declined after little more than a decade of missionary and pioneer service to the region.

The important contribution of these hardy French men and women to the development of Ohio has not yet received the comprehensive study and analysis it deserves. But with each serious work of research and family history produced by descendants of those immigrants, more details come to light, a few more pieces are added to the emerging picture, and we begin to understand the enormous debt we owe to our dauntless French ancestors.

Marianne Monnin Doyle
Editor, "French Ancestors"

PREFACE

Throughout my youth I heard many stories of the Bernard family from my father, William, and from aunts and uncles when they came to visit our family. My aunt Clara Schwieterman especially excelled in the art of family story-telling. My mother, through her association with Caroline Karch Bernard, learned about and recalled many family stories of her in-laws. There was a pride associated with being a Bernard derived from the many Bernard relatives who were prominent in civic, church, and school activities in the Mercer County Ohio area.

I am frequently asked, "Why undertake the task of compiling this genealogy?" It is important for several reasons, but primarily because it adds and broadens a personal perspective to one's life experience, and to the history of our state and country. In the case of the Bernard family, the relationship of the Goecke, Rolfes, Kemper, Brockman and Brunswick families had always been mentioned through word of mouth without factual sustaining data. Only through a thorough analysis of the documents relating to the Bernard family and through personal interviews were the details of those relationships discovered. In at least two cases, previously unknown branches of the family were unearthed.

A study of the history of the Bernards reveals lessons that are relevant to problems faced by persons as well as those faced by society in general. For example, the great number of births and the extraordinary number of sudden deaths faced by each family in the 19th century were a touching revelation to me. One can likewise note with admiration the transformation of women from wives and mothers to factory workers, and finally to professional/university-trained occupations. There is also the great migration from the farms of Mercer County to factories such as National Cash Register (NCR) and Delco in Dayton Ohio after World War I when money was a scarce commodity. In some cases entire families moved, while in others only one or two members of the family would move to Dayton or even as far as Cincinnati. They were truly 20th-century pioneers.

As one probes behind the statistics, family traits emerge that transcend generations, notably a musical bent, verbal abilities, dedication to public service, intra-family cohesiveness and a deep religious sense. There are four priests and six nuns in the Bernard and related families. There are doctorates in medicine, law, education, philosophy, and animal science as well as shining successes in the fields of business, commerce and farming. But there are also failures, shortcomings, heartaches, and scarred relationships which continue to provide lessons in our daily lives. In short, as statistics are compiled there emerges a close affinity, love, respect and empathy for those legions of people who are the BERNARDS!

Allen W. Bernard
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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout this publication in addition to the accepted abbreviations for the months of the year:

abt	about	adpt	adopted
adm	administrator	aft	after
aft	after	aka	also known as
b	born	bd	buried
bp	baptized	cem	cemetery
chp	chaplain	Cinti	Cincinnati
ct	court	cty	county
d	died	ent	entered
gr	graduated	Gr	grave
hs	house	m	married
mem	memorial	occ	occupation
ord	ordained	p	parents
pst	pastor	R	row
r	resided/resides	ret	retired
Sem	seminary	sp	sponsor
twnsp	township	univ	university

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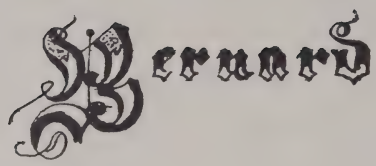

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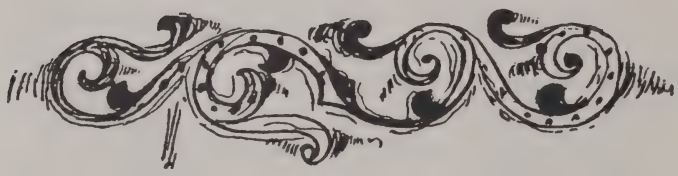

INTRODUCTION

Amid the foothills and plateaus of the Jura mountains in central eastern France lies the village of Rechesy from which Leon Bernard and his wife Catherine Kilker Bernard set forth to America in 1828 in search of a new fortune. The name Bernard had been a familiar one in Rechesy since at least 1438 when a Richard Bernard was known to inhabit this village. It is said that the first Bernards had come from the nearby village of Boncourt, Switzerland.[1] The arduous journey to America took Leon and Catherine through plains, villages, and cities in France to reach Le Havre, from which they sailed, arriving in New York in August of 1828. Because of newly available land in Ohio, they purchased a parcel of land almost immediately after arrival. Crossing the Appalachian Mountains they arrived in Perry County Ohio in November of that same year. By 1836 fertile land in Mercer County beckoned them. They subsequently moved there that same year and spent the remainder of their lives in that county. Thus Leon, Catherine, and their children established the presence of the Bernard family throughout Mercer County, the state of Ohio and in many parts of the United States.

This genealogy begins with the text and background information on the immigrant ancestor, Leon Bernard, and his family. It is followed with pedigree charts in Part Two which depict the French ancestors of Leon Bernard. Part Three contains the five generations of Bernard family. Part Four is a collection of personal histories written by the author and various family members. There are also recommendations concerning areas of this genealogy which warrant further exploration and analysis. The Appendices contain various types of supplemental charts and information including a trivia quiz. A section entitled Family Notes contain blank pages to maintain your own family record. A bibliography and general index follows.

Beyond the relationship of brothers and sisters, grandparents, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins, there is much confusion relating to untangling levels of other family relationships. The son of your uncle is your first cousin and his child would be your first cousin once removed.

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[1] Conversation with Maurice Millet, March 1992.

However, that child would be your child's second cousin and so forth in the third, and fourth cousins. Your first cousin's grandson is your first cousin twice removed. Your second cousin is your grandparents's brother's or sister's grandchild. The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew.

PART ONE

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Map of France with location of Rechesy

THE ENVIRONS OF RECHESY AND TERRITORY OF BELFORT

Rechesy is a small village in central eastern France in the Territory of Belfort, less than a mile from the Swiss border. With a population of nearly 800 persons, its nearest city is Delle, approximately five miles west, and its seat of government is Belfort, approximately 17.5 miles northwest. The village was mentioned in church records as early as 1291 as having its own church and priest, and according to historians was thus early a religious center.

The Territory of Belfort, smallest in France, covers only 235 square miles or approximately twenty-eight miles from north to south. Its southern border adjoins Switzerland in the foothills of the Jura Mountains and its northern border ascends to the Vosges Mountains. It lies in a valley and as such has traditionally been a gateway between Burgundy to the west and the more Germanic area of Alsace to the east. Even though it is usually included in the general geographic area of Franche-Comte, it is sometimes considered to be a part of Alsace. The people speak French, and villages in this region have French names, while slightly to the north, the people in Alsace speak German or a German-Alsatian dialect and the villages are more distinctly Germanic in appearance.[1]

Culturally this region has been traditionally a melting pot for peoples from Central European nations and those of the Mediterranean. In ancient times, tribes of Gauls and Celts settled on the hillsides and were conquered by the Romans in 58 A.D. who left marks of their civilization including remnants of roads and villas. As the Roman Empire began to disintegrate in the 5th century A.D., neighboring Burgundians took over the region fortifying it against the Germanic enemies to the north. Succeeding wars brought new ownership to the region and new peoples including the Burgundians in the fifth century, and the Franks in the seventh and eighth centuries. After the victory of the Franks it was attached to the Duchy of Alsace until the fourteenth century when the Habsburgs of Austria took possession. Since 1648 it has been under French dominion and the French culture has prevailed.

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[1] Doyle, Vol. I, p. 46.

Map of the Territory of Belfort

Note location of Rechesy and Beurnevesin

Original Chapel in Rechesy

The village of Rechesy, as a church center, has played an important role since the thirteenth century. Its clergy was appointed by lay lords of the region who were the Lords of Farrette. After 1324 the Archdukes of Austria intervened in the appointment of clergy resulting in its being brought within the diocesan boundaries of Basel, Switzerland. Even its name was Germanized to Rauslach. A special chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas was founded in its parish church and possessed its own chaplain in addition to the parish clergy. Official parish records were begun in 1612 by the Cure' (parish priest) Hugues Septet who had been appointed to the parish six years earlier. It is likely that Jean Ursuline Septet (b. 1590), direct ancestor of Leon Bernard, the immigrant ancestor, was a relative of Cure' Septet since they both were natives of nearby Delle and had relatives in Rechesy. Jean Galiat (b.1600), another ancestor of Leon Bernard, served as mayor of Rechesy during the seventeenth century.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) was the most devastating event in the history of this small community. It began with the Protestant rebellion against the Catholic Habsburgs in Bohemia in 1618. By 1625 the Danes had invaded Germany to champion Protestantism and to gain control over the North Sea ports only to be crushed by the Catholic Habsburgs. This defeat drew Sweden, the leading Lutheran power, into this religious and civil conflict. France soon followed, with Germany becoming a major battleground among the warring religious and nationalistic armies.

Rechesy was not spared this intense violence. The Swedes invaded the area laying waste the town and destroying its famed church except for the choir portion, which survives today in the middle of the Rechesy cemetery. Nor were the inhabitants spared by the military hordes. The population was slaughtered wholesale, buildings, homes, fields burned and animals destroyed.[2] To escape massacre, the people who survived resorted to living in the caves in the nearby forest where death and starvation were constant companions.[3]

The Treaty of Westphalia (1648) eventually restored peace to the area, and it was ceded to Louis XIV of France who in turn gave it to Cardinal Mazarin as overlord. The Mazarin family ruled the region from Gironmagny with the assistance of the Barbaud family from the nearby village of Florimont. The parish records, which had not been maintained since 1627, were again started in 1650 when some administrative organization began to return. The center of the town, however, was moved closer to the forest on an adjoining hillside.

The long-sought peace following this war was filled with even more catastrophic consequences. With the destruction of fields, properties, animals and remaining food supplies, widespread famine occurred. It was reported that human flesh was eaten, and there were even reports of children being butchered. In nearby Alsace, forty percent of its population was lost and one can assume the same consequences for Rechesy.[4]

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[2] Layburn, p. 1.

[3] Bairet, p. 103.

[4] Layburn, p. 1.

It was during these difficult times that the parish was administered by the illustrious priest Henri Chalmey (circa 1670 -1718), nephew of Pierre Chalmey (1652-1715) , a maternal ancestor of Leon Bernard. He was the first of the several Chalmey family members to become cure´ of Rechesy and held an esteemed role in that community until he died. Being a person of some wealth, in 1710 he was able to advance the village a considerable sum of money it owed to the King at Colmar when no other funds were available.[5]

A period of relative normalcy followed until the later part of the eighteenth century when the French Revolution broke out. Just prior to this time Rechesy was under the control of the diocese of Basel, Switzerland, but in 1779 it was transferred to the diocese of Besancon and came under French control as part of a trade agreement between the two dioceses. This was approved in 1780 by the King of France Louis XVI; the Austrian Emperor Joseph II; and Pope Pius VI.

Rechesy

[5] Bairet, p. 105.

Tales of the New World were beginning to reach France and, we can assume, even Rechesy. The American Revolution clearly demonstrated how an antiquated and oppressive government could be removed. The French government was also under severe financial stress because of its support of the American Revolution. Revolts began in 1789 in Paris resulting in the abolishment of serfdom, the development of civil authority over that of the Church and the encouragement of individual enterprise. By 1791 a new government was formed with a limited monarchy. This was short-lived and the new Revolution took a radical turn resulting in the death of the royal family and many members of the privileged classes. Riots spread to many cities. The new Republic was proclaimed in 1792 and the monarchy abolished.

During this difficult time and the subsequent Napoleonic Era, Rechesy was guided by another parish priest carrying the family name Chalmey, Pierre Joseph Chalmey (1737-1817). He was a master of the art of compromise and political intrigue. Chalmey was the family name of Leon Bernard's mother and thus it is a fair assumption that he was a relative. Born in Rechesy of a miller, he was one of three priests in this family. His brother Jacques Felix (1758-1845), a doctor of medicine, served as a chaplain to the Chapel of St. Nicholas in Rechesy and his other brother Pierre (1719-1806) served as chaplain to the aristocratic Farrette family in nearby Florimont. Pierre Joseph was assigned to the Rechesy parish in 1775 at the age of thirty-eight.

One of the effects of the French Revolution was the requirement of the new republican government that all clergy take an oath of loyalty to the constitutional government. The government also provided that all duly sworn clergy would then be elected by their parishioners after which clergymen would receive a government salary. The Pope promptly condemned these new laws and many persons believed that the sacraments administered by clergy who took the oath were null and void. Chalmey, risking condemnation by the church hierarchy, took the oath. Having been a native son and always very popular with the people of Rechesy, he was handily elected parish priest and was thereby able to draw his salary for a time. In a further step he read the pastoral letter from the new constitutional bishop rather than maintaining allegiance to the former bishop now in exile in Switzerland. In 1792 when the

monarchy was abolished, another oath was required of the clergy "to be faithful to the nation, to support liberty, equality with all his strength or die at his post."[6] Chalmey readily complied and thus was able to continue his ministry without interruption. In May of 1794, he was listed as a good patriot for the district.[7]

Unfortunately for Chalmey, political events which transpired during the summer of 1794 proved that his superb art of compromise could not be utilized. He was, as were other priests of that region, arrested and held in prison from July 27th until October 20th upon suspicion of "inciting fanaticism and rebellions." This charge, however, could not be proven and he was eventually permitted to return to Rechesy.

But the government was becoming increasingly hostile toward organized religion. Area churches were being closed and cults arose such as deifying the Goddess of Reason, which sought to replace traditional Catholic worship. Somehow, Chalmey continued to survive as priest in Rechesy signing whatever oaths were politically correct, such as one in 1797 which declared "I, Pierre Joseph Chalmey, constitutional cure' of Rechesy, swear the oath of hatred for royalty and anarchy, and of attachment and fidelity to the Republic and the Constitution of the Year III." [8]

By 1801, the Concordat was signed between First Consul Napoleon Bonaparte of France and Pope Pius VII, which created ecclesiastical questions regarding the legitimacy of those oath-taking clergymen. Because of the widespread support of Chalmey by the Municipal Commune of Rechesy, and his own skillful machinations as he interacted with various bishops, he was reinstated as parish priest and served in that capacity until his death in 1817. However, Jacques Felix, his brother, was exiled to Russia but returned to Rechesy to serve in various municipal capacities including that of mayor. His other brother, Pierre, continued to live in Rechesy but did not exercise his ministry.

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[6] Bairet, p. 109.

[7] Bairet, p. 110.

[8] Bairet, p. 111.

St. John Statue from Original Chapel

The results of the Revolution were widespread even in Rechesy. A national system of education was established and the metric system of weights and measurements was adopted. The lands of the aristocracy and the Church as well as the former public lands were opened and sold for peasants' use. Most important was the eradication of the "feudal dues" paid to the lords of the region which kept so many small landowners from advancement. Additionally price ceilings were placed upon necessary items including food which gave some relief to the poor. In villages and towns civil offices were developed for the maintenance of vital records which, following the Revolution, were now written in French rather than Latin. Fortunately Rechesy had been spared many of the tragedies associated with the Revolution because of the flexibility and adaptability of Cure' Chalmey toward that Revolution and the absence of anticlerical fanaticism among the municipal officials. He was a beloved and astute leader.

The Napoleonic Era (1803-1815) which sought to bring order to the governmental chaos of France resulted in a continuation of the political

unrest and wars. Belfort, nearest city of any size to Rechesy, was besieged in both 1814 and 1815 by foreign armies. Young men were being forced to serve in the Napoleonic armies in foreign battles and suffered heavy losses. After Napoleon's defeat, France was again humiliated with new boundaries being set for her. Additionally the monarchy was restored.

This political and military unrest had a profound influence on Leon Bernard inducing him to come to the United States. It was during his early life that the greatest political changes in French history were taking place. Even the neighboring village of Beurnesvesin, home of Catherine Kilker, was under French control until 1813, but this was returned to Switzerland although French culture and language continued to prevail.

Chalmey Family Home
Located on borderline of Switzerland and France

Aerial View of Rechesy
* Note birthplace in upper right side

Birthplace of Leon Bernard

THE LEON BERNARD / CATHERINE KILKER FAMILIES

Leon Bernard, born 1789, was the second child of Pierre Andre Bernard (1758-1807) and Marie Pauline Chalmey (1765-1823) both of Rechesy. His parents were married July 7, 1784 in St. John the Baptist Church in Rechesy. Other siblings of Leon were Pierre Joseph (b.1785), Elizabeth (b.1787), and Marie Catherine (b.1791). It is probable that Pierre Andre's ancestors originated in Switzerland. When they came to France is unknown, however. A Richard Bernard is documented as having lived in Rechesy in 1438 but whether he is part of the the family line is open to question.[9] The first known Bernard in the family line is Pierre Bernard of Rechesy who was born in Rechesy circa 1670.

Pierre Andre Bernard, Leon's father, was a small farmer or "cultivator" as he was described in the parish register. Leon was a shoemaker as well as a farmer. As is the case today the farmers resided in the village going out daily to the countryside with their livestock to their fields beyond the village.

Birthplace of Leon Bernard

[9] Parish records per research of Maurice Millet, Giromagny, France.

Leon's family home exists today on the Rue de Pfetterhouse (street) in Rechesy, although it has passed out of the family. In recent years it has been extensively remodeled including the removal of architectural details and application of stucco to the exterior portion of the dwelling part of the structure. Nevertheless, the home and layout are, in many ways, typical of the farmers' dwellings in the region as they have been for hundreds of years. It was built close to the street of half-timbered construction with a mixture of finely chopped straw and clay finished off with a plaster overlay between the timbers. The smallest part of the structure was the dwelling itself consisting of three floors. The entry level had three rooms. In the front was a large dining room/sitting room usually reserved for special occasions. Behind this room was a kitchen where most of the everyday activities of the family took place. Adjoining the kitchen was a smaller room used for baking. The second floor was given over to family bedrooms and the third, or attic floor, contained secondary bedrooms where, if the occasion demanded, visitors could be housed.

Living Section of Birthplace

Barn Attached to Birthplace

The middle portion of the house, which shared a common wall with the dwelling portion and was connected to it by an inner doorway, was reserved for livestock including cows, pigs, horses and chickens. It had a large hayloft overhead. Alongside this stable and sharing a common wall with it, was the barn. It was by far the largest section of the building, and had a tall entrance enabling fully loaded wagons to be pulled inside. This area, in addition to serving as a threshing floor, was also used for storage of hay and grain as well as wagons and assorted farm equipment. The entire structure had a red clay tile roof, which overhung the walls on the street facade over the two farming sections. This made in effect a massive porch or a sheltered outside work-space.

Near the Bernard home was the church of St. John the Baptist surrounded by the village cemetery where previous generations of Bernard had been buried. It was in this church that Leon Bernard was baptized and worshiped. It was also this church that was used as a stable for the horses of Napoleon's soldiers. Now only the choir portion of that church remains. To the immediate right of the main entrance of the cemetery is the traditional burial plot of the Bernard family. Several wooden crosses are on the plot along with a current grave marker of the Roy Bernard family. Numerous other markers depict burial plots of relatives including the Hantz, Chalmey, Dechaux, and Galliat families.

Bernard Family Homes, Rechesy

The present parish church of Rechesy was built between 1850 and 1860. It is a Neo-Gothic structure overlooking the picturesque village and contains two gold-leaf-covered statues and a statue of the Virgin (dated 1681) from the former church attended by Leon. It also contains a historic pipe organ dating from the 1860's. A World War I memorial commemorating the death of the sons of the parish includes an Armand Bernard.

Leon Bernard was born November 1, 1789 and was baptized that day. The entry in the parish register is as follows:

Leon, son of Pierre Bernard, farmer, of Rechesy, and Marie Appoline Chalmey, his wife, also of Rechesy, was born and was baptized on the first day of November, 1789; the godfather is Pierre Leon Hantz, son of George Hantz, blacksmith; the godmother is Catherine Patingre, daughter of Jean Pierre Patingre, who declared she does not know how to sign her name, both of Rechesy.[10]

10 Archives of Birth Register of Rechesy

Because of the French Revolutions, these baptismal records were written in French whereas just a few months earlier they would have been written in Latin. It also notes that Leon's mother was a member of the Chalmey family which, as noted earlier, had played an important role in the history of Rechesy as eminent citizens and clergymen.

Little is known of Leon Bernard's early life. He lived in Rechesy with his parents, his known sisters Elizabeth and Marie Catherine, and his older brother Pierre Joseph. He had many relatives in the area and the name Bernard was a known and a trusted one in the village. His schooling was in Rechesy and it was there he learned the shoemaking trade. There also was the daily work on the farm and in the fields.

On December 22, 1814, he married Catherine Kilker, daughter of Jean Joseph Kilker (known as Joseph) and Jeanne Marie Frery of the nearby village of Beurnevesin, Switzerland.[11] Like the Bernard family, the Kilker family had its origin in Switzerland.[12] Catherine's father, Joseph, and his assumed brother, Jean Pierre, were millers having started their business in Delle, France then moving to Rechesy for a time and finally to Beurnevesin circa 1788.[13] Catherine's father, Joseph married Jeanne Marie (Freri) Frery on 24 May 1791 in Beurnevesin.[14] Catherine was born 01 March 1792 and baptized in the village of Damphreux,

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11 There are several versions of the spelling of the surname Kilker used in this text and in official records. The name was spelled as Kilchre, Kilquer (French) and and Kilcher (German). It was spelled on baptismal record as Kilker and that spelling is accepted by the author. The descendants used Kilcher most recently in Beurnevesin.

12 Sister Kathryn Bernard in a commentary written during the 1980's stated of Catherine Kilker. "She was born in Dublin, Ireland from wealthy parents. She went to Lorraine France to study language. There in college she met Leon Bernard. They both were in the same college for two years. Both graduated from college and got married." No historical evidence has been uncovered to support these statements other than an Irish reference in a local obituary of Joseph Bernard (1852-1942) which stated "His father was a native of France and his mother of Ireland." His mother would have been Maria Anna Kemper and her Irish parentage is not supported by documented evidence.

13 Members of the Kilker family were not found to be mentioned in church records until 1788.

14 Church records of Beurnevesin at Porrentruy Switzerland.

Switzerland. Godparents were Jean Pierre Kilker and Catherine Frery, who was illiterate according to church records.[15] She had a brother Pierre Joseph born 02 October 1789 and a sister Jeanne Marguarita born 07 September 1793 At the time of her marriage both parents were deceased, her father having died at the age of forty-three on 14 December 1795,[16] and her mother, on 03 August 1806.

Beurnevesin Catholic Church

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15 Ibid.

16 The date of the death of her father differs from the date stated on Catherine's marriage record. It further states that he was buried the following day in the cemetery of the Church of St. Jacob in Beurnevesin.

Au mil huit cent quatorze, le vingt-deuxième jour du mois de décembre; à dix heures du matin, pardevant nous Jean Pierre Chavannes maire & officier de l'état civil de la commune de Réchésy; canton de Delle département du Haut-Rhin. Sont comparus Léon Bernard cordonnier de profession âgé de vingt-cinq ans fils de feu Pierre Bernard à son vivant cultivateur, et de Marie Poline Chalmey ses père et mère d'une part. Et la mère présente consentante.

Et Catherine Kilcher âgé de vingt-deux ans, né à Beurnevaisin arrondissement de Barrentrip, fille de défunt Joseph Kilcher à son vivant cultivateur, et de défunte Jeanne Marie Frey ses père et mère; ledit défunt décédé le vingt quatre frimaire an quatre de la république française. Et la détente le troisième jour du mois d'août mil huit cent six. Ladite future, né le premier mars mil sept cent quatre vingt douze d'autre part.

Lesquels futurs époux nous ont requis, en procédé à celebration du mariage.

Projettés entre-eux, dont les publications sont été faites, la première le dimanche onze décembre courant, à l'heure de midi, & la deuxième le dix-huit même mois et à la même heure de midi.

Aucune opposition audit mariage ne nous ayant été signifiée faisant droit à leurs réquisitions, après leur avoir donné lecture de toutes les pièces ci-dessus, et du chapitre VI. du code civil des français intitulé du mariage, avons demandé au futur époux, et à la future future épouse, s'il veuillent se prendre pour mari et pour femme chacun d'eux ayant répondu séparement, affirmativement déclarons au nom de la loi; que Léon Bernard, & Catherine Kilcher sont unis par le mariage.

De quoi avons dressé acte en présence de Joseph Bernard cultivateur, âgé de vingt neuf ans, frère du futur, et Joseph Fleury cultivateur âgé de trente deux ans beau-frère du futur. & Jean Pierre Girard cultivateur âgé de trente sept ans ami de la future & Pierre Joseph Lanff instituteur âgé de cinquante deux ans amis de la future tous domicilié à Réchésy, ainsi que les futures époux; lesquels après que lecture leurs en a été faite ont signé avec nous. Et les parties contractantes.

Léon Bernard Catherine Kilker Jean Pierre Girard
Joseph Bernard Joseph Fleury
[signature] [signature]

Marriage Record of Leon Bernard and Catherine Kilker
22 December 1814

Their marriage entry in the archives reads:

In the year 1814, on the twenty-second day of December, at 10 o'clock in the morning, before us, Jean Pierre Chavanne, mayor and registrar of the commune of Rechesy, canton of Delle, department of Haut-Rhin, appeared Leon Bernard, shoemaker by profession, age twenty-five, son of the late Pierre Bernard, in his lifetime a farmer, and of Marie Poline Chalmey, his father and mother, on the one side , the mother present and giving her consent;

And Catherine Kilchre, age twenty-two, born at Beurnevesin, arrondissement of Pourrentruy, daughter of the late Joseph Kilchre, in his lifetime a farmer, and of the late Jeanne Marie Frery, her father and mother, the father having died the twenty-fourth of February, year four of the French Republic, the mother having died the third of August 1806, the bride having been born the first of March, 1792, on the other side.

The couple requested that we proceed with the celebration of the projected marriage between them, publications of which have been made, the first on Sunday, the eleventh of December, of the current year, at noon, and the second on the eighteenth of the same month at the same hour of noon.

No opposition to this marriage having been made to us, complying with their request, after having read to them all the above, and Chapter VI of the French Civil Code titled "On Marriage," we asked the groom and the bride if they wished to take each other for husband and wife, each of them having answered separately and affirmatively, we declare in the name of the law that Leon Bernard and Catherine Kilchre are united in marriage.

Therefore, we have prepared this certificate in the presence of Joseph Bernard, farmer, age twenty-nine, brother of the groom; and Joseph Fleury, farmer, age thirty-two, brother-in-law of the bride; and Pierre Joseph Lantz, schoolmaster, age fifty-two, friend of the bride, all living at Rechesy, as well as the bride and groom; who after it was read to them signed with us, and the contracting parties.[17]

For the wedding it was not unusual that the bride would wear the dress, bonnet, and shawl that her mother had worn. Since it was winter it was probably made of black wool. The groom probably wore a short, black, fitted frock coat and black trousers. His waistcoat was probably embroidered satin or velvet, and a silk black tie would have been worn around his neck. The wedding-shirt was usually fine pleated linen and would have been worn on special occasions thereafter including, perhaps, even on the occasion of his own funeral.

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[17] Archives of the Marriage Register of Rechesy.

On the eve of the wedding or on the preceding Sunday the couple would visit those who would form the procession leaving with them colored ribbons to be pinned on either suits or dresses. The bride would often present small packets of brass pins to girlfriends for distribution to the women of the village who were related to the bride as their invitation.[18]

The wedding ceremony held on a Thursday was typical of those in a rural French community. On the morning of the wedding Leon, the groom, with his mother and friends made their way to Catherine's home. From there the procession, led by a fiddler, went to the town hall where the mayor was waiting for them to perform the civil ceremony. Afterwards, they continued to the church where the nuptial wedding mass took place. After the religious service the guests (probably most of the community) gathered for a large wedding dinner held in the barn. Prior to entering, the couple shared a bit of food as a symbol of prosperity, frequently being bread and salt with wine or soup. Long tables were set with dishes and a vast array of foods prepared by relatives and friends. After the dinner the couple would briefly visit relatives or neighbors who were unable to leave their homes. Another meal, more simple, was served in the evening followed by music, singing and dancing.

The Kilker Family Home, Beurnevesin

[18] Doyle, Vol. VI. #6. p. 61.

One can assume that this newly-married couple either lived with a family member or rented a small house in the village where Leon worked as a shoemaker . Their first child was a female named MARIE CATHERINE (known as MARIE) born April 19, 1816. In just over a year, their first son JOSEPH was born at noon on May 22, 1817. His birth record is as follows:

In the year 1817, on the twenty-third day of May, at 10 o'clock in the morning, before us, Jacques Felix Chalmey, mayor and registrar of the commune of Rechesy, canton of Delle, department of Haut-Rhin, appeared Monsieur Leon Bernard, shoemaker, age twenty-seven, living in Rechesy, who presented to us a child of the male sex , born yesterday at the hour of noon, to the declarant and to Catherine Kilker, his wife, to whom he declared he wanted to give the name of Joseph; the declaration and presentation made in the presence of Messieurs Pierre Joseph Girard, retired lieutenant, age forty-three, and Jean Pierre Chavanne, former mayor and innkeeper, age seventy-one, both living at Rechesy, who signed with us and the declarant after the reading.[19]

Other children followed :

MARIE CATHERINE (known as CATHERINE): Born June 1, 1819 - 4:00 a.m.; godparents were Pierre Joseph Girard, 44, retired lieutenant, and Jean Pierre Chavanne, 72, former mayor and tavern-keeper.

FRANCOIS: Born February 11, 1821 -10:00 a.m.; godparents were Jacque Chavanne, 60, farmer, and Jean Baptiste Hainigue, 37, farmer.

PIERRE: Born September 3, 1823 - 5:00 p.m.; godparents were Joseph Bernard, 38, uncle, farmer, and Pierre Joseph Bernard, 25, cousin of father, farmer.

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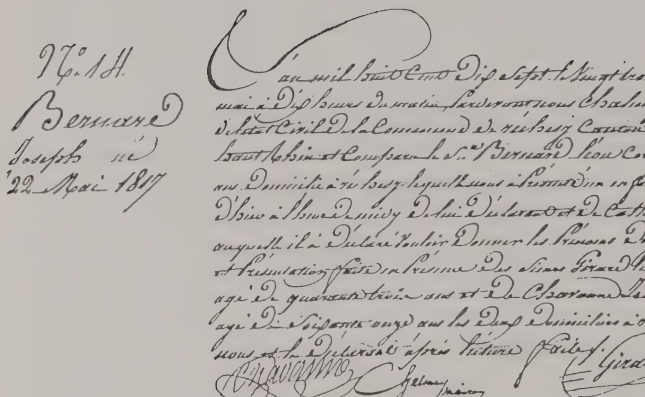
[19] Birth Archives at Rechesy.

Birth Record of Joseph Bernard
22 May 1817



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ANTOINE: Born January 17, 1826 - 6:00 a.m.; godparents were Joseph Fleury, 45, brother-in-law of father and Jacques Chavanne, 64, farmer.

LEON: Born February 20, 1828 - 3:00 p.m.; godparents were Pierre Joseph Gorey, 25, laborer, and Pierre Joseph Pollingue, 55, oil manufacturer.

From an analysis of the professions of the godparents of these children , it becomes clear that Leon and Catherine had a number of influential acquaintances who were farmers, businessmen, retired military and civic leaders, or teachers who were willing to take an active role in their family. We can assume that Leon and Catherine, too, were active and esteemed community participants in Rechesy.

Major questions arise regarding the motive behind the desire of Leon and Catherine to come to the New World in 1828. Why would a thirty-nine-year-old man with his wife and seven children, the youngest under a year, venture upon such a major journey? Why would they want to leave their homeland and their many relatives and friends? Further, how did they raise the considerable sum required for such a trip and have the resources to purchase land in Ohio immediately? To gain insight in these important questions, it is again necessary to review the political, social, religious and economic situation in France at that time which might have caused Leon and Catherine to abandon Rechesy and their familial surroundings to emigrate to the United States.

The French Revolution and Reign of Terror beginning in 1789 created major havoc and unrest throughout the country. Even though Rechesy was not as directly involved in the conflict as other areas of France, their parish priest was arrested and a new social order was created. Catholic peasants were shocked at the anti-clerical measures and confiscations of ecclesiastical property. Tales were rampant of the sacking of the town hall in Strasbourg and in Sundgau and armed peasants attacking the chateaux and abbeys. Troops from Belfort, however, contained the Revolution in their area of France. In small villages such as Rechesy, many of its citizens were poor and destitute as a result of the Revolutionary upheaval and excessive taxation imposed by the

succeeding government. During the Napoleonic Era following the Revolution, any young man who had reached his 21st birthday was chosen by lottery to serve in the army. With the fall of Napoleon beginning in 1814, the year Leon and Catherine were married, France was on her knees in social and economic turmoil. Villages and cities alike were depleted of their young men as thousands of them were used as cannon-fodder, and foreign troops occupied France for four years.

Furthermore, a series of natural calamities occurred in that part of France where Rechesy is located. In 1816 there was widespread flooding and famine followed in 1817. The winter of 1827 was particularly harsh, resulting in the deaths of many persons and a sharp rise in prices as goods could not be delivered. The poor were found dead in the roads.[20] In addition, a law which came into effect in 1827 forbade the use of forests by peasants for food, pasturing, and firewood. Discontent and misery were rife.

The new legal system of France under the Napoleonic Code changed the laws of inheritance resulting in a system under which all heirs were given equal distribution especially of lands. Added to this was the haphazard distribution of much of the church lands and the division of lands formerly owned by the nobility. The consequence of these factors was a landscape divided and subdivided into small plots frequently distant from one another and therefore difficult and uneconomical to farm. In 1826, for example, it was reported that there was one strip of land for every four inhabitants.[21] Among these owners were Leon and Catherine Bernard who had at least twenty of these dispersed plots.

In contrast, shipping agents in various cities began marketing the glories of the New World. Nearly 5,000 persons had applied for passports after the famine of 1817 and letters praising America were coming back from these emigrants.

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[20] Layburn, p. 21.

[21] Hansen, p. 221.

A neighboring Alsatian wrote:

> I have purchased land...with good level terrain where there is not a stone to be found and where one can plant whatever one wants....I tell you the unvarnished truth in stating to you that if you would make me a gift of the farm which you bought from me and gave me money for the voyage ... I would not for all that, ever go back to Europe.... I no longer wish to return someday because my children say that if we ever leave here, they will not come with me.[22]

In 1820 another letter stated that a laborer could make six francs a day in the United States which was six to ten times the wage in France.[23]

In the United States in the late 1820's, there was a major labor shortage due to the boom in the building of canals, roads, mills and warehouses. Agents at the points of embarkation and even in local towns and cities were directing emigrants toward their companies' ships and collecting money, sometimes exorbitant sums, for passage and food during the voyage. It frequently happened that would-be emigrants after paying would find that the ship was nonexistent and in other cases after paying in full they would find upon arriving at Le Havre that the ship's captain would extract further sums of money from them. Nevertheless between 1815 and 1825 major emigration from Alsace and nearby areas continued unabated.[24]

Even in Rechesy people were beginning to talk of the "wonderful" new life in the United States. With Leon and Catherine, two other families began planning and preparing for the great journey, namely the Paul Gerard family of Rechesy and the Pierre Patingre family of the nearby village of Le Puix. Paul Gerard, a farmer, had known the Bernard family for many years. Pierre Patingre, a distiller, was married to Marguerite Fleury who was possibly a relative of Catherine Kilker Bernard.[25]

The question of money was a major issue. How could a shoemaker with a wife and seven children afford such an undertaking? In addition to passport fees, food costs, and overland transportation at least 160

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[22] Layburn, p. 17, 18.

[23] Maire, unrecorded page.

[24] Schrader-Muggenthaler, Introduction.

[25] Letter from Anne Kleiber to Allen W. Bernard, April 19, 1993.

francs per person would be required for the transatlantic crossing. In 1823 Leon's widowed mother died and probably left him an inheritance. It is known that the Kilker family were comparatively wealthy, having been millers and farmers, so one can conclude that Catherine herself had received an inheritance since both her parents were deceased. As previously mentioned, Leon and Catherine owned at least twenty plots surrounding Rechesy. On January 29, 1828 (three weeks before the birth of son Leon) they sold these diverse plots of land for 1384 francs to relatives and neighbors at an auction in Rechesy. (See Appendices) Cash was received through a mortgage transfer on March 16, 1828 witnessed and signed with the two other couples planning to accompany Leon and Catherine. It would also be likely that Leon's and Catherine's personal property was sold or dispersed to other relatives, especially to Leon's older brother Joseph.[26]

Obtaining a passport was not an easy task. A recent issue of "French Ancestors" described the process. By a decree of 1795, passports were required of French citizens who intended to cross the frontier. A further modification in 1816 required that no French person aged fifteen years and over could leave France or circulate in the interior outside the limits of the department of his domicile except by virtue of a passport. An internal passport could be issued by mayors of municipalities but a foreign passport had to be secured from the prefecture in the departmental capital. Thus it must be assumed that Leon and Catherine had to make the long trip to Belfort to secure this document. Passports were good for one year and could be renewed. The fee was two francs for the interior and ten francs for a foreign passport. Money alone, however, was not enough to secure a passport. Prospective emigrants needed a "Certificate of Morality and Good Behavior" from the mayor of their village. Typically the wording would be along these lines:

We the undersigned mayor of the commune of _____, certify to all whom it may concern that the named _____ has always behaved as a good and honest man about whom no complaint has reached me, and

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26 The Paul Gerard family of Rechesy and the Pierre Nicolas Patingre family of nearby Le Puix, sold their land at the same time and traveled to America with the Bernards. The Gerard family was listed in Crawford County PA in the U.S. Census of 1840 and 1850. No information was found regarding the Patingre family after arrival in the U.S.

residing in this commune since his youth without interruption, he desires to obtain by these presents a passport to go abroad to North America. In witness whereof I request civil and military authorities to allow the above named person to move about freely so he can make his way to the previously named place.

Supplied with the requisite passport, good conduct certificate, as well as a tax release, military service papers, papers from the maritime agent guaranteeing that ship passage had been purchased, and what was left of their life savings, the emigrants set forth on their journey to the New World."[27]

Recently (1993), a previously unknown manuscript in the estate of John Bernard of Cincinnati proved to be Leon Bernard's original birth extract record which was used by them for identification and to obtain a passport. Issued at a cost of one franc twenty-five centimes, it was signed by the mayor and registrar of Rechesy on April 10,1828 just prior to their departure.

Even the journey from Rechesy to Le Havre was a major trip. Le Havre, the port from which Leon and Catherine sailed, was over 400 miles away from Rechesy. For a certain fee couriers would guide the emigrants from their village to the port. Because of the large number in the Bernard family and the two other families who accompanied them, they probably took empty freight wagons returning to Paris from Basel, Switzerland. The growth of cotton manufacturing in France brought an increase of many freight wagons carrying cotton bales from the United States via the French port overland to various manufacturing centers. In these covered wagons on the return trip to the port were packed the emigrating women, children, and their baggage. The older boys and men walked outside leading the horses. In this manner many caravans set out from the German-French and Swiss areas, stopping every night where camp was set up for the passengers.[28] With seven children in hand and at least one of them nursing, it must have been an arduous journey. The emotional impact of saying farewell forever to relatives and friends and to the village of Rechesy where the Bernard family had lived for nearly 400 years must have been immensely difficult. But it was April, the season was spring, a time for renewal.

[27] Doyle, Vol. V, p.3.

[28] Hansen, p.290.

An Illustration of an 1820 Two Masted Brig, similar to La Leonarde*

When the caravans reached Paris there would frequently be a wait of as much as ten days during which time the horses could be sold and additional food obtained. Steamboats or in some cases barges were boarded and passengers traveled up the river Seine to Le Havre. Upon reaching their destination, they would join the large number of emigrants waiting to depart and those who were stranded and unable to buy their passage. If winds were blowing the wrong way or there was great congestion, another one to six week's wait often occurred. During this time families had to survive in the cheapest rooming houses or be willing to camp outdoors.

The Bernard family found passage on the French brig "La Leonarde" bound for New York under the command of Captain M. G. Le Dilly. A brig, probably 150 feet in length, was a popular type of ship frequently used for shipping products and goods. This large vessel with her two square-rigged masts and the big gaff and boomsail must have been an impressive sight to the Bernard family who had probably never seen a great ship. This was the only New York journey recorded for that brig. Such a trip might last 45 to 60 days if the winds were blowing in the right direction or even up to 90 days if there were problems. Invariably these ships crammed in as many passengers as possible.

* Source Unknown

Seventy-five passengers were registered on the "Leonarde." The Bernard family with nine members was the largest family on board. Other French families in addition to the Gerard and Patingre families from Rechesy included the Heuriots, the Spelz, the Bedeaux, Cardot, Olivier, Malthey, Bourgeois, and Kimph families. Their professions included farmers, cabinet-makers, weavers, carpenters, distillers, bakers, waiters, and stationers. Though some comfortable rooms were available, the majority of these French citizens traveled in poorly ventilated spaces between the main deck and the hold. Their beds were frequently narrow bunks two or three tiers high and attached to the inner wall of the ship while wooden benches provided seats and were often attached to the outer wall.[29]

Most of them needed to economize as much as possible and brought aboard their own foods - hams, sausages, dried fish, or fruits and cheeses. Even under the best of conditions, food was frequently rationed and often of poor quality with the major meal being served at noon. At other times only bread and water would be served. Many passengers became ill with fever or seasickness because of the constant movement and dampness. Thievery among the passengers and crew especially in larger vessels was another problem. Despite all, the Bernard family and the other families from the Rechesy area arrived safely in New York harbor on August 29, 1828.

The Bernards were not alone. Hundreds of immigrants were entering the United States daily not only through New York but also through Baltimore and New Orleans. In fact, over thirty-thousand immigrants arrived during the year of 1828.[30] Some of these immigrants would stay in their port of arrival but many would seek inland cities such as St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, or Pittsburgh or in settlements where their native language might be spoken. The Northwest Territory, and states such as Pennsylvania and Ohio, offered many opportunities for buying and developing land and the Bernards chose Perry County in southeastern Ohio.

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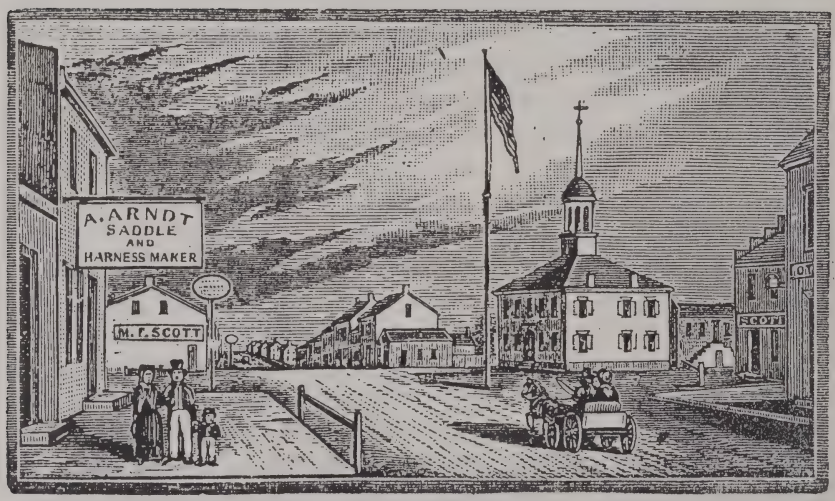
[29] Fecher, p. 11.

[30] Hansen, p.120.

The Perry County Courthouse, built in 1829



Drawn by Henry Howe in 1846.

View of Somerset Ohio during the time of Leon Bernard[31]

[31] Taken from Howe, Henry. HISTORICAL COLLECTION OF OHIO. Volume II. Cincinnati, Ohio; C.J. Krehbiel, 1908.

BEGINNING YEARS IN THE NEW WORLD

The sight of the New York harbor must have been inspiring to Leon, Catherine, and their family after sailing for such an extended period of time in conditions far less than favorable. After passing inspections they were free to pursue their goals in the New World--a privilege that not all passengers enjoyed.

On every ship there were those passengers who were unable to pay their full share of the passage and were indentured until they worked off their indebtedness. Often they would have to work for many years until they obtained their freedom after having been bound to written agreements in a language they could not understand. Children could be forced to work until they were twenty-one years old. If they were ill, they were not permitted ashore until they became well. Further exploitation of some immigrants was perpetrated by agents who flocked around the new arrivals and sold them non-existent land.

The Bernard family, having been spared such mishaps, began their journey West through the Allegheny Mountains without delay. They would have had to travel via Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania or Wheeling, West Virginia. In Wheeling, they could travel the National Road which enabled them to continue the journey West with a little more ease. It is not certain why Perry County in Ohio was chosen as a destination point other than that land was available and it was an area proximate to a Catholic church since the Catholic religion was an important part of their lives. Perry County was a popular destination for many people from Pennsylvania. We can assume that their journey in a covered wagon pulled by oxen or horses lasted at least six weeks. A rifle was a necessity for protection and food.

Leon and Catherine could not have foreseen or imagined the rigors of the New World. Little experience in Rechesy prepared them for their future in the new Ohio country. Leon was not a frontiersman, probably not adept at using an axe nor proficient in the skills necessary for clearing the forest or building a log house. Foremost was the intense loneliness and the fear of the future. They were amid strangers far from the security

St. Joseph Catholic Church, (1829–1843)[32]

and support of family resources. The Gerard and Patingre families had sought their fortunes elsewhere. The climate was harsh and caused strange sicknesses in persons not accustomed to it. Only their French language, the Catholic Church, and a few French settlers provided links to French life in far-away Rechesy.

Within a short period of time fifty acres of land was purchased on November 15, 1828 from Josiah Hule for $286.00, less than three months after their arrival in the New World. This gently rolling land was located in Section 33 of Reading Township, Perry County in the new Ohio country. This land, originally purchased from the United States government at the Chillicothe Land Office at $2.00 per acre, rapidly increased in value. Leon and Catherine's hopes must have been high. The new National Road was daily bringing in hundreds of new people as did an earlier road, Zane's Trace, (now Route #122), which went directly through Somerset, the nearest town to the Bernard land.

Perry County was established eleven years earlier with Somerset chosen as the county seat. The first settlers were Pennsylvania Germans, followed by Pennsylvanians of English descent along with settlers from Maryland and Virginia. There were even some French and Irish

[32] Taken from Brennan, Robert. CRADLE OF THE FAITH IN OHIO. Sesquicentennial booklet, 1968.

settlements.[33] The main attraction of Reading township and Somerset was the presence of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, which was the first Roman Catholic parish in Ohio, having been established in 1818. This parish was also destined to become the national headquarters of the Dominican Order, established there by Dominican Edward Fenwick, who became the first Archbishop of Cincinnati in 1821. Sometimes referred to as the "Cradle of Catholicism in Ohio," the parish was still in its original log church when the Bernards arrived. The Bernard land was just over two miles from St. Joseph's Church. In winter or harsh weather it could be a very long winding two-mile stretch. Only four miles distant was the village of Somerset and its Catholic Church, Holy Trinity, established in 1827.

The heavily forested land required immediate clearing and constructing a place to live, namely a log settler's cabin for shelter. Neighbors assisted each other in these endeavors and with winter approaching it became an urgent task. Most log cabins in Perry County were built within a few days and varied in size from fourteen by sixteen feet to sixteen by eighteen feet. The floor was usually puncheons split out of larger logs with a roof made of clapboards rived with a mallet and held in place with weight poles. A large hole had to be cut in the center of one end for the chimney which was made with sticks, stones, and mud.[34] How difficult life in Ohio must have been for this large family not knowing the language and struggling for basic existence. At times there must have been a longing for the familiar life of a shoemaker and farmer in Rechesy.

The population of Perry County continued to increase following the Bernard family's arrival. It nearly doubled from 8,459 persons in 1820 to 14,030 in 1830.[35] At nearby St. Joseph's Church, a new brick church building with a steeple and cross replaced the earlier log structure. It was dedicated on January 11, 1829 and could be seen for miles. We can assume that Leon and his family would have been present at the dedication. By 1830, the Dominican Sisters arrived from Springfield, Kentucky and established a school in Somerset. The following year they built a three-story boarding school.

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[33] History of Fairfield and Perry Counties

[34] History of Perry County, p. 19.

[35] Howe, p. 382

The records at St. Joseph's parish indicate that three additional children were born to Leon and Catherine:

> MAGDALENA: Born 15 August 1830; godparents were Moreland and Mary Burkshaw.
>
> JOHN: Born 20 May 1832; godparents were Joseph and Agnes Dull.
>
> LOUIS: Born 11 April 1836; godparents were Joseph and Catherine Bernard.

Other records at St. Joseph indicate that daughter Marie Bernard, listed as Anna Marie, served as a godmother in several baptisms as late as March 1834. But in 1835 as their family grew, tragedy struck the Bernard family for the first time. The following listing is found in the church records at St. Joseph:

> Marie Bernard born in Gulla, died January 3; buried January 4, 1835 at age 22. [36]

Their first-born child had died and part of their hope for their new world had died as well.

Evidently it was difficult to support ten children on the fifty acres of land. As new opportunities for land became available Leon and his son, Joseph, heard of the rich flat land in west central Ohio for only $1.25 an acre. Joseph made the 130-mile trek to Mercer County, Ohio and apparently reported back favorably because shortly after, on March 30, 1836, it is documented that Leon's 50 acres were sold for $600.00 to Leonard Hout.[37] Once again after laboring mightily for eight years to clear and farm their sparse and rocky fifty acres and make a new life for themselves and their children, the Bernards were again on the move to the new frontier in Mercer County, Ohio. They were joining many Perry County residents who were taking advantage of the new land in

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[36] Schlegel, p.128. Her stated age is considered inaccurate since she was born in 1816.

[37] Recorder's Office, Perry County , Ohio.

northwestern and central western Ohio. Leon and Catherine were now forty-six and forty-five respectively, and were leaving their friends and parish and Anna Marie in the shadow of St. Joseph's great steeple. It is hard to imagine persons of such courage and fortitude. With great faith in God they pursued life in the unknown Mercer County.

Log Cabin adjacent to Bernard property in Perry County

LIFE IN MERCER COUNTY OHIO

In March of 1835 Joseph Bernard, oldest son of Leon and Catherine, was present when forty acres of land was purchased for the new St. John the Baptist Church in Maria Stein, Mercer County, Ohio. Others present that day were Dietrick Kemper, Bernard and Henry Goecke, and Clemens Vehorn, all of whom would play prominent roles in his family's future.[38] Joseph had preceded his family there in order to appraise the situation in the new settlement of St. John, as it was called. Surely his thoughts must have been of his home parish, St. John the Baptist, in far away Rechesy.

There was positive news about the new land in western Ohio. It was heavily forested with a very flat terrain and rich soil. The new pioneers there were predominantly German Catholics but several French settlements were less than fifteen miles away and carried names such as Frenchtown and Versailles. New lands were available near the church of St. John which could be cleared for farmland.

On May 24, 1836, Leon Bernard purchased 160 acres of forested land in section two of Marion Township near the village of St. John now called Maria Stein in Mercer County.[39] This original land was purchased and entered through the Lima Land Office, Lima, Ohio from the United States government for $1.25 an acre and was described as follows:

The west half of the North East quarter and the east half of the North West quarter of Section two, in township eight, South of Range three east in the District of lands subject to sale at Lima, Ohio, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

It was fully conveyed by President Martin Van Buren on March 18, 1837. For Leon, the move was a profitable venture since he obtained over three times the amount of land he previously held in Perry County, and still retained a profit of $400.00 from the sale of the Perry County land!

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[38] Alig, p.737.

[39] The town of Maria Stein was divided into two settlements, the east portion known as both Maria Stein and St. John and the west portion, one mile away, known as Station. To date both portions are known and mapped as the town of Maria Stein. Alig, p. 738.

Much of the land comprising Marion Township was considered Shawnee Indian lands when Mercer County was organized in 1824. The earliest settlers of that time lived along the nearby Chickasaw Creek and shared ground with the Native Americans who still lived there.[40] By the mid-1830's Germans and some French pioneers began to arrive, and the Shawnee Native Americans soon disappeared.

The forest around St. John was extremely dense and a haven for all sorts of animals, including wild turkeys, squirrels, bears, foxes, deer, and bobcats. Therefore hunting and trapping became major sources of income. An early description of the forest shortly after the time of the Bernard arrival was given by a neighbor and German immigrant Liwwat Boke in 1842. She stated:

Houses lie far apart from each other here in the forest. Right up to our doorsill and to those of our neighbors reaches the huge, somber and vaulted forest. There are no openings to break up the overhang, nothing but endless miles upon miles of the shadowy wolf-haunted woodland. The great trees tower heavenward until their individual crowns are lost among the many branches at the top, and the lower branches disappear under the wild growth that chokes the open places between the trunks. Here stand proud beech trees, and pines, hemlocks, balsams, and firs; others: oak, chestnut, hickory, ash, walnut, and many rare and unrecognized varieties stand side by side with still more of other kinds. The sunlight cannot get through the arches of the murmuring leaves. Through the grayish shadow and down the pathways in the forest men walk, continually in a kind of midday gloom....All the countryside is monotonous in a treestrewn land. Everything in it lies hidden. And further on? No one can say, not even the brave hunters know how far to the west this forest extends; they have not yet gone through to the other end.[41]

Once again a log house had to be constructed and a major clearing of land had to take place. Now there were nine children ranging from two months to nineteen years of age. Clearing the forest by cutting and burning was a major task involving all members of the family. In some areas the land was low and required drainage particularly along the creek which crossed their farm.

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[40] Alig, p.735

[41] Knapke, p. 68.

A Rendition of St. John the Baptist Church
Maria Stein, Ohio (1850 - 1891)[43]

Existence in this forest wilderness was a lonely frightening task which constantly posed danger. Without roads, footpaths had to be followed through the dark, damp maze of trees and undergrowth. Insects, especially mosquitoes, were rampant and diseases such as tuberculosis, dropsy, typhoid, and the dreaded cholera were frequent causes of death. Diarrhea and ague were common.[42]

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[42] Hoying, p. 27

[43] Taken from Leugers, ST. JOHN CHURCH (1836 - 1986), p. 21.

Accidents related to clearing the forest were frequent because of the lack of familiarity with the tasks associated with it. Life in Mercer County was not easy and it meant starting over again in an environment similar to Perry County eight years earlier. The difference, however, was that Marion Township was flat and under its virgin forest lay a thick black rich and productive soil.

German Catholic pioneers were arriving daily and the small settlement of St. John around the church of St. John the Baptist was growing. The nearest town was Stallotown (Minster) where a group of German Catholic settlers under the direction of Franz Joseph Stallo was established. Here was located the Catholic Church called St. Augustine and from this parish the priests would journey to serve various missions in the countryside.

St. John the Baptist parish, while formed in 1835, did not have a resident priest or even a church. The first Mass at St. John was celebrated outdoors on June 24, 1836 and only three more times during that year.[44] Even when a priest was not present the people would assemble on Sundays for prayer and readings and we can conclude some social activities. By 1836 a small log school was completed at the crossroads called St. John. It was a typical one-room log structure with a chimney at one end and a door and window on the front. By the spring of 1837, a log church was completed. Although there was no resident priest, the budding parish was served on occasion by priests from Stallotown. History records that Joseph Bernard was involved in the actual construction of that church.[45] The actual village of St. John was not recorded until 1838.[46]

Amid this forested land there was soon cause for celebration. Catherine Bernard, the oldest living daughter of Leon and Catherine, was married on May 20, 1837 to Urs Johann Kamber (Kemper) of Ifenthal Switzerland. This wedding was recorded in the archives at St. Augustine Church in Minster.[47] A wedding was a festive occasion in the forest

[44] Leugers, p.8.
[45] Leugers, p.8
[46] Leugers, p. 14
[47] Hoying, p. 317

with a gathering of as many as 30-40 families. Since a priest did not come regularly to St. John's, the couple would make their promises before the community. Liwwat Boke again gives this account of a typical wedding:

In the barnyard are located four chairs that are for the bride's and groom's parents alone. All the people come into a half circle, almost around the chairs....All the people are immediately serious and quiet as the mother of the bride comes from her house to the fourth chair and sits with the other three parents. Then the bridesmaid, sometimes the bride's own sister or relative comes out. In a few minutes the bride comes out of the house and walks right to her father. Everyone is deathly still. Now the father says "I" (and says his name and that of his wife, the mother, "today offer from my house and my family our daughter with the name_____ to her bridegroom whose name is_____ for the two to marry. They will today and from this day forth for all time be known as man and wife until the time a priest is here to bless the two in the sacrament of marriage according to the rules of this land, state, and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church. Now I ask you three citizens to witness these two, without other husband or wife take one another in free will to live an honorable and virtuous life together."....Then they sing if someone knows the Ave Maria and we pray a rosary. On the last Amen all shout, "Huji, a Wedding! Beene in de Luft! Huji, Huji, Huji." Often the mother and the grandmother and the womenfolk cry.

She goes on to describe the elaborate meals and celebrations concluding in the taking of the bride and bridegroom to their new log-house, placing them in bed with their clothes on, and tying the bridegroom with rope or twine. The new wife had to untie her groom after they were left alone in their new home. No one in the community would go by their house for three days. On the fourth day the four parents of the new couple would arrive bringing them meat, vegetables and bread.[48] The gifts that were presented to them by friends and neighbors were generally necessary items for survival.

Two years later, Leon and Catherine's oldest son Joseph married Annette Miriam (Anna Maria) Kemper, recorded again in the archives in Minster,

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[48] Knapke, p. 78.

Ohio. Very little information has been found relating to her early life.[49] It is known, however, that Anna Marie Kemper was born in Pennsylvania in 1819, and that her parents were immigrants from Switzerland. In Marion Township some of the Kempers had come from Switzerland and sister Catherine had married a Swiss immigrant Urs Johann Kamber, a surname which is considered a variation of the name Kemper. Nearby land of eighty acres in Section 35 was purchased by Joseph and Anna Bernard from Joseph Kamber of Montgomery County Pennsylvania on March 9, 1841 for the sum of $100.00. Because the land was bought so cheaply by Joseph Bernard, the seller might have been a relative of Anna Marie Kemper, perhaps even her father. A granddaughter remembers her grandmother as being "Pennsylvania Dutch".[50]

Epidemics hit St. John in 1840 and 1849-50. During the 1840 epidemic, many persons died from typhoid fever through the summer months. However, in 1849 and again in 1850 the cholera epidemic struck. In nearby Minster, over 250 persons died and in New Bremen, over 150 persons died. More than 20 persons died in St. John but all deaths were not recorded in the parish records. Liwwat Boke gives us this account:

At St. John cemetery the routine was confused. The pastor, Kunkler, was one of the best we had had here, but it was too much with day and night confessing the sick and preparing them for death. The graves were mere holes in the ground with a lot of water in them. The corpses came by wheelbarrow, wagon, and stretcher. The sight was awful, with horror in every breath. The corpses went into the grave mixed atop one another, no names, no prayers, nothing! ...Neighbors found other neighbors at home, all long dead, young old, children, women, hired hands and relatives! One woman in St. John shouted, "Oh Death! Death! Death!...an inhuman voice that struck me with horror and a chilling of my very blood! Now, later, it is scarcely believable, the dreadful occurrences we experienced every day, people in the raging of the fever and affliction, or in the torment of their own agitation. [51]

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49 See Section IV (Personal Histories) biography of Joseph Bernard.

50 Bernard, Interview by author with Clara Schwieterman.

51 Leugers, p. 23.

It is likely that Catherine Bernard, wife of Leon, died during this decade but no documentation has been found of her death. She was not listed in the 1850 census of Marion Township. It is probable that she died during the cholera epidemic and her remains were buried with other victims in an unmarked grave area directly behind St. John Church. Twenty-year-old Magdalena assumed housekeeping responsibilities for Leon and her brothers.

Land records indicate that Leon donated a small section of his his land (25 square feet) to the local School Board in 1852 for the erection of a school. This one- room brick school (Number 106) was known for many years as the Bernard School, and stood well into the 20th century at the northwest corner of Huwer and Rolfes Roads. Several of the young Bernard children attended it.[52] His son Joseph served as one of the three school directors for that district in Marion Township. Later a great - grandson, Frank Rolfes (1868-1909) remodeled and moved into this structure.

Another wedding record indicated that their son, Leon Jr. married Margaritha Agnes DeCurtins on January 13, 1853. She was possibly a member of the prominent DeCurtins family from Carthagena, Ohio who designed and decorated so many of the churches in Mercer and Auglaize Counties, but conclusive information relating to that has not been uncovered. Leon's untimely death on April 8, 1857 left her widow with three children. Margaritha's death followed on September 27, 1859 at the age of twenty-eight. The three children moved in with Leon Sr. and are listed in the 1860 Federal Census as residing at the same address. Additionally, on the same census, a Barbary Kemper, eleven years of age, is listed with Leon Sr. so one can conclude that her parents Maria Catherine and Urs Johann Kamber (Kemper) were deceased by 1860. Three other members of that Kemper family were residing with another unknown Unice Kemper, eighty years old.[53] All of them lived near the Bernard farm.

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[52] Interview by author with Raymond Bernard

[53] There is the possibility that this Kemper might be the Urs Theodore Kemper husband of Catherine Bernard. No additional documentation could be located.

In the 1860 Federal Census, two of the children of Leon, John and Louis, are not mentioned. This corresponds with a family story that two Bernard boys became separated from the family and were not heard of again. Nevertheless they did receive a legacy under the will of Leon Bernard Sr. in 1864 and 1865 respectively. It is probable that they were not residents of the county but returned to receive their inheritance at that time. Thereafter, there is no record of them. This is fortified by a paragraph in the will of brother Franz Bernard in 1867 which stated:

Two of my brothers Johannas (John) and Ludwig (Louis) whose residence I do not know shall have $100. each if they make announcing of them within one year after this date.

There is not record that the inheritance was claimed. Beginning in 1849, the Gold Rush sent thousands of Ohioans to California and it is possible that John and Louis were among those who sought their fortune in the West.[54] Another family tradition stated that they went to Chicago.[55]

During the winter of 1861, Leon knew his death was approaching and wrote a will dated February 21, of that year. His death followed on April 21, 1861. The parish archives stated that his age was unknown and that he had received the Last Sacraments of the Church. He was, however, seventy-one years of age. His will, included in the appendices, appointed his son Joseph as executor. A general sale of his possessions was held at his residence on July 1, 1861 included his clothes, some furniture, equipment, and the farm itself. (See Appendices) Most items including the farm were purchased by family members. Assets of the estate also included several loans to neighbors including one to Joseph. The will also made provisions for the payment of debts that Leon Jr. had incurred . There was also a bequest for masses to be offered through the local priest at St. John Church. Before the estate could be settled, Magdalena, the one remaining daughter of Leon, died leaving her share to be divided among the heirs of her father.

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[54] In correspondence, Mrs. Mary (Bertke) Bernard noted"Only Pete and Dan settled in California, changed their name Leon to Bernard" The names are obviously incorrect but perhaps a California connection to the family can be made at a later date.

[55] Letter of Sr. Kathryn Bernard to Leo Bernard, unknown date.

Leon's sons, Francois, Peter and Anton, all of whom never married, received ownership of the farm. In 1867, Francois died leaving his share to Peter and Anton who retained it for nearly thirty years. In an interview during the 1970's, George Bergman, a neighbor, recalled the Bernard brothers, their log house, their large barn and hog house. He stated that they spoke high German and some French, frequently sang, and always went to church in a spring wagon with a strawberry roan horse. He also stated that they pronounced their name "Bennard" with the accent on the first syllable which corresponds to the local French pronunciation. The buildings stood approximately fifty feet on the south side of Huwer road and the barn was a major structure, 50 x 100 feet, similar to the barn attached to the Bernard home in Rechesy. During the 1920's the large barn was moved east on the present Othmar and Mary Fullenkamp farm which contains half of the original acreage of the Leon Bernard farm. The site of the barn became a garden spot, specifically for potatoes.

Farming was a joint family venture among the Bernards and their relatives. In close proximity was brother Joseph's farm. Across the road from the original farm was land owned by niece Magdalena and Joseph Rolfes. Other nieces and nephews lived nearby. Each family member assisted one another in the chores required to maintain the farm.

Anton Bernard died November 22, 1892. Peter retained ownership of the farm and later sold it to nephew Henry Goecke. Peter having tuberculosis realized he would not live long so he moved in with his nephew Joseph Bernard and his family for one year until his death on August 03, 1893. The farm later was sold to Henry Fullenkamp. Thus after fifty-seven years of original family ownership, the farm no longer carried the Bernard name. Now nothing remains of the barn and buildings on the original site other than occasional glass and pottery shards uncovered by Mr. Fullenkamp, the present owner.

Mr. Raymond Bernard, great grandson of Leon wrote the following conclusion to the Bernard history he complied regarding Leon and Catherine Bernard:

"In conclusion I would like to express some sentiments about our distinguished heritage. When I think of Leon Bernard I get an image of Abraham and Isaac. God must have kept Leon so he could come to America and establish the Bernard Heritage and settle in Marion Township, Mercer County, Ohio from where his descendants expanded across the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the tip of Florida. It must have taken great love and enduring courage for Leon and Catherine to leave their home in Europe and venture into a strange land and pioneer a new life for themselves and their descendants. If all of their descendants and their families were joined hand to hand they would reach a long long mile across the great land that through their enduring effort has produced a marvelous legacy for their posterity. As they look down from Heaven to contemplate the results of their magnificent endeavor, they must surely be gratified that they accomplished such a mission."[56]

The saga of Leon and Catherine Bernard from Rechesy France to Mercer County Ohio via Perry County gives pause to all of their descendants. They braved the unknown, suffering privation, epidemics, sorrows and loss. They shared the joy of new-born children, a new land and new friends, and the camaraderie of drinking and singing. In that process they persevered never losing their care and love for one another, their families, and the ideals of their Catholic faith. This "French Connection" has been and will continue to be an inspiration to yet unborn generations.

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[56] Bernard, Rayond. Unpublished booklet.

Barn from the Leon Bernard Farm
Marion Township, Mercer County, Ohio

PART TWO

LEON BERNARD ANCESTRAL CHARTS

Family Group Record
of Pierre A. Bernard

Husband: PIERRE ANDRE BERNARD			
Born: 29 MAR 1758	Place: RECHESY FRANCE		
Chr.: 1758	Place: ST. JOHN/RECHESY		
Marr: 7 JUL 1784	Place: RECHESY/FRANCE		
Died: 20 OCT 1807	Place: RECHESY FRANCE		
Bur.: OCT 1807	Place: RECHESY/FRANCE		
Father: JEAN PIERRE BERNARD		Mother: AGATHA GALLIAT	
Other Wives:			
Wife: MARIA FRANCOISE PAULINE CHALMEY			
Born: 14 JUN 1765	Place: RECHESY FRANCE		
Chr.: JUN 1765	Place: ST. JOHN/RECHESY		
Died: 22 AUG 1823	Place: RECHESY FRANCE		
Bur.: AUG 1823	Place: RECHESY FRANCE		
Father: PIERRE CHALMEY		Mother: MARGARIETE HANTZ	
Other Husbands:			
Sex Children M/F	List each child (living or dead) in order of birth		

1. M	Name: PIERRE JOSEPH BERNARD		Spouse: MARIE CATHERINE GETE
	Born: 7 JUN 1785	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 4 JUN 1812	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Died:	Place:	
2. F	Name: ELIZABETH BERNARD		Spouse:
	Born: 11 APR 1787	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	
3. M	Name: LEON BERNARD		Spouse: CATHERINE KILKER
	Born: 1 NOV 1789	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Chr.: 1 NOV 1789	Place: ST. JOHN/RECHESY	
	Marr: 22 DEC 1814	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Died: 21 APR 1861	Place: MARIA STEIN,OH	
4. F	Name: MARIE CATHERINE BERNARD		Spouse: PIERRE ANTOINE HANTZ
	Born: 6 OCT 1791	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died: 5 NOV 1816	Place: RECHESY FRANCE	
5.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	
6.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	

Pedigree Chart of Leon Bernard

Chart No. 1

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Born: 29 MAR 1758
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 7 JUL 1784
Place: RECHESY/FRANCE
Died: 20 OCT 1807
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

4 JEAN PIERRE BERNARD
Born: 15 FEB 1728
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 26 FEB 1748
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 20 OCT 1807
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

8 JEAN BERNARD 2
Born: 4 MAR 1703
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 25 FEB 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 25 FEB 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

9 URSULA HANS 3
Born: 18 DEC 1691
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 20 APR 1759
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

5 AGATHA GALLIAT
Born: 1726
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 2 APR 1786
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

10 ___
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11 ___
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 LEON BERNARD
Born: 1 NOV 1789
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 22 DEC 1814
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 21 APR 1861
Place: MARIA STEIN,OH
Spouse:
CATHERINE KILKER

3 MARIA F P CHALMEY
Born: 14 JUN 1765
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 22 AUG 1823
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

6 PIERRE CHALMEY
Born: 21 FEB 1731
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1 JUN 1763
Place: ST.JOHN/RECHESY
Died: 7 SEP 1807
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

12 JEAN PIERRE CHALMEY 4
Born: 24 SEP 1700
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 18 JUL 1724
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 11 APR 1760
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

13 MARIA EVE GALLIAT 5
Born: 23 FEB 1696
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 13 NOV 1752
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

7 MARGARIETE HANTZ
Born: 31 OCT 1738
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 21 AUG 1800
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

14 HENRI HANS 6
Born: 13 OCT 1708
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 31 JAN 1736
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 16 DEC 1767
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

15 JEANNE MARIE PETIJEAN 7
Born: 14 JUL 1715
Place: CHEVREMONT FR
Died: 13 FEB 1770
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

Pedigree Chart of Jean Bernard

Chart No. 2

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8
on chart no. 1

2 PIERRE BERNARD
Born: ABT 1670
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1701
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
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Born:
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Born:
Place:
Died:
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10
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 JEAN BERNARD
Born: 4 MAR 1703
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 25 FEB 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 25 FEB 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
URSULA HANS

3 MADELAINE FINGERLIN
Born: ABT 1670
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died:
Place:

6 THEOBOLD FINGERLIN
Born: 4 NOV 1623
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: ABT 1661
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 14 JAN 1693
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

12 CLAUDOT FINGERLIN
Born: 1590
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1612
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died:
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

13 MARQUETTON QUENOT
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7 MADELAINE BOURGEOIS
Born: 3 OCT 1621
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 26 JAN 1709
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

14 PIERRE BOURGEOIS
Born: 1590
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1617
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died:
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

15 CLAUDETTE JACQUELIN
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart of Ursula Hans

Chart No. 3

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 9
on chart no. 1

2 NICOLAS HANS
Born: ABT 1645
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 26 JUN 1678
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 21 DEC 1731
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

4 PIERRE HANS
Born: 11 FEB 1620
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5 MADELEINE MEYET
Born: ABT 1622
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 1675
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 URSULA HANS
Born: 18 DEC 1691
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 25 FEB 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 20 APR 1759
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
JEAN BERNARD

3 ELIZABETH DECHAUD
Born: ABT 1638
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 18 SEP 1698
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

6
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Died:
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Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Born:
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Died:
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14
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart of Jean Pierre Chalmey

Chart No. 4

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 12
on chart no. 1

2 PIERRE CHALMEY
Born: 1670
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 25 JUN 1693
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 19 ~~25~~ JUN ~~1693~~ 1733
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

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Marr:
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Died:
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Died:
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 JEAN PIERRE CHALMEY
Born: 24 SEP 1700
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 18 JUL 1724
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 11 APR 1760
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
MARIA EVE GALLIAT

3 MARGUERITE GALLIAT
Born: 27 DEC 1664
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 12 DEC 1733
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

6 JACOB LP GALLIAT
Born: ABT 1634
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7 CECILE (UKN)
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

12
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

13
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

14
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
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Pedigree Chart of Maria Eve Galliat

Chart No. 5

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 13
on chart no. 1

2 PIERRE GALLIAT
Born: ABT 1652
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 21 NOV 1677
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 12 DEC 1726
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Died:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Died:
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Born:
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 MARIA EVE GALLIAT
Born: 23 FEB 1696
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 18 JUL 1724
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 13 NOV 1752
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
JEAN PIERRE CHALMEY

3 MARIA EVA CHALMEY
Born: ABT 1656
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 9 MAY 1720
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

6 PIERRE CHALMEY
Born: ABT 1620
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
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Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart of Henri Hans

Chart No. 6

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 14
on chart no. 1

2 JEAN JACOB HANS
Born: 22 OCT 1680
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 11 FEB 1706
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 15 JUN 1753
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

4 JEAN HANS
Born: 24 MAY 1649
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 23 SEP 1674
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 15 JUN 1753
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

5 JEANNE PATISSIER
Born: ABT 1665
Place: LePuix-Neuf FR
Died: 13 JAN 1727
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

8 NICOLAS HANS
Born: 13 JUN 1617
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

9 MARGUERITE (UNK)
Born: ABT 1619
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 1675
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 HENRI HANS
Born: 13 OCT 1708
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 31 JAN 1736
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 16 DEC 1767
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
JM PETIJEAN

3 ELIZABETH CHALMEY
Born: 5 JUL 1683
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 1 MAY 1759
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

6 PIERRE CHALMEY
Born: 25 DEC 1652
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 13 JUN 1682
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 16 SEP 1715
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

7 ELIZABETH SCHELLET
Born: 11 SEP 1659
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 21 FEB 1723
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

12 PIERRE CHALMEY —
Born: ABT 1620
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1652
Place:
Died: 7 MAR 1699
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

13 CATHERINE GALLIAT 8
Born: 11 FEB 1620
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 11 FEB 1687
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

14 JEAN PIERRE P SCHELLET 9
Born: APR 1623
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: BEF 1661
Place:
Died: 11 NOV 1688
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

15 FRANCOISE (UNK) —
Born: ABT 1625
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 1 DEC 1687
Place: RECHESY FRANCE

Pedigree Chart of Jeanne Marie Petijean

Chart No. 7

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 15
on chart no. 1

2 PIERRE PETITJEAN
Born: 18 OCT 1672
Place: CHEVREMONT FR
Marr: 11 JAN 1695
Place:
Died:
Place:

4 JEAN PIERRE PETITJEAN
Born: ABT 1635
Place: CF
Marr: BEF 1665
Place:
Died:
Place:

5 ANTOINETTE (UKN)
Born: ABT 1642
Place: CHREVREMONT FR
Died:
Place:

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Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

9 Born:
Place:
Died:
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10 Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11 Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 JEANNE MARIE PETIJEAN
Born: 14 JUL 1715
Place: CHEVREMONT FR
Marr: 31 JAN 1736
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died: 13 FEB 1770
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
HENRI HANS

3 JEANNE RICHARDGUENIN
Born: 1675
Place: NOVILLARD FR
Died:
Place:

6 JEAN J. RICHARDGUENIN
Born: ABT 1650
Place: NOVILLARD FR
Marr: BEF 1675
Place:
Died:
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Born:
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Died:
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Place:
Marr:
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Died:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Born:
Place:
Died:
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Pedigree Chart of Catherine Galliat

Chart No. 8

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 13
on chart no. 6

2 JEAN GALIAT
Born: 1600
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

4 JACOB LE VIEU GALIAT
Born: ABT 1560/1575
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Died:
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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
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Died:
Place:

1 CATHERINE GALLIAT
Born: 11 FEB 1620
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: 1652
Place:
Died: 11 FEB 1687
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
PIERRE CHALMEY

3 BARBE GUIBOURG
Born: 1600
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
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Died:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Died:
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Born:
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Marr:
Place:
Died:
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15
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart of Jean Pierre Schellet

Chart No. 9

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 14
on chart no. 6

2 CLAUDOT SCHELLET
Born: ABT 1598
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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Born:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Died:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 JEAN PIERRE P SCHELLET
Born: APR 1623
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Marr: BEF 1661
Place:
Died: 11 NOV 1688
Place: RECHESY FRANCE
Spouse:
FRANCOISE (UNK)

3 JEANNETTE (UNK)
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
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Marr:
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Died:
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Born:
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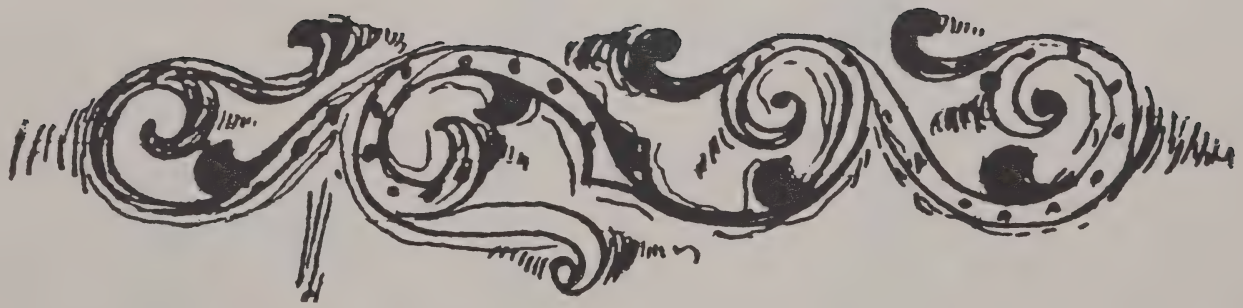


PART THREE

LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY

INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION

The genealogy is divided into five generations with the immigrant Leon Bernard and his wife Catherine (Kilker) as "Generation 1." The numbering continues through the second generation (his children) as numbers 2 through 11; third generation (his grandchildren) numbers 12 through 31; fourth generation (his great-grandchildren) as numbers 35 through 99; fifth generation (his great-great grandchildren) as 108 through 284. Each family member has been given a number.

Each direct line descendant of the immigrant ancestor, Leon Bernard, has been given a superscript (or heightened) generation number. The generation number follows the first name; for example: Joseph^{2} Bernard. Joseph is of the second generation.

After each number and name of a child producing member, the direct line family member and generation is provided in parenthesis and italics. For example, note in #99 Edward ^{4} Lewis Bernard *(Louis,*^{3} *Joseph,*^{2} *Leon*^{1}) Although Edward was given a number 99 in the third generation, he is also listed in the fourth generation because he produced children. Edward's father was Louis in the third generation, his grandfather was Joseph in the second generation, and his great grandfather was Leon in the first generation.

The antecedents of the immigrant ancestor Leon who did not migrate to America are labeled with the italicized letter *"A"* for his father *"B "* for his grandfather, and so on in reverse order.

If children (issue) were produced the cross symbol (+) is given to the left of the identification number and this family member will appear in the following generation. For example:

+ 12	i.	MARIE ELIZABETH. b. abt 1841. m. Bernard Goecke. seven children.
13	ii.	JACOB. b. 24 Sep 1842 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 29 Sep 1842.

She was mentioned as a child of Joseph in the second generation but will appear in the third generation with a descriptive paragraph written about her and her family. Since JACOB did not produce children, there is not a cross symbol and he is mentioned only in the second generation. The cross symbol does not appear in the fifth generation of this genealogy even though children have been produced by this generation.

The issuance and number of children produced is indicated with a lower case Roman numeral in conformity to standard genealogical practice. For example: The children of Maria Elizabeth[2] Bernard are: 33 i. ANNA MARIE. 34 ii. MARIA BERNADINE. + 35 iii. JOSEPH FRANK. 36 iv. ANNA MARIA MAGDALENA. etc.

Parentheses indicate the maternal line or birth family name or may also indicate that the children noted are from a different marriage. A divorce is indicated by the asterisk (*) symbol.

Please also note that the name given at baptism or recorded in the baptismal register may be a variation from the name used by that person in life. In many cases especially in German communities the second or third given name was the one used in life. Likewise there will be variations of the ending of given names. i.e. Maria, Marie, Magdalene, Magdalena, etc.

LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY:
FIRST GENERATION

LEON BERNARD - IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

1. Leon[1] Bernard (*Pierre Andre,[A] Jean Pierre,[B] Jean,[C] Pierre,[D]*) was born 01 Nov 1789 in Rechesy, Territory of Belfort, France. He had two known sisters and one known brother. He was the oldest son of Pierre Andre Bernard (1758 -1807) and Marie Pauline Chalmey (1765 -1823). His profession was a shoemaker and additionally owned twenty small plots in the vicinity of Rechesy. His marriage on 22 Dec 1814 to Catherine Kilker of Beurnevesin Switzerland is recorded in the archives of Rechesy. Catherine was born 02 Mar 1792 the daughter of Joseph Kilker (b. 1752. d.15 Dec 1795) and Jeanne Marie Frery (d. 3 Aug 1806). Leon and Catherine and their seven children emigrated to New York arriving there 29 Aug 1828. They purchased 50 acres in Perry County, Ohio and three additional children were born there. They moved to Maria Stein, Ohio in Mercer County having purchased 160 acres there in 1836. Catherine died between 1840-1850 and Leon died 21 Apr 1861. It is assumed they were buried in the church cemetery at St. John's Church, Maria Stein Ohio.

Children of Leon[1] and Catherine (Kilker) Bernard:

2 i. MARIE CATHERINE (aka MARIE). b. 19 Apr 1816 Rechesy France. sp. Pierre Robert and Jean Galliat . d. 03 Jan 1835 Perry County Ohio. bd. Old St. Joseph Cemetery Somerset Ohio.

+ 3 ii. JOSEPH. b. 22 May 1817 Rechesy France. sp. Pierre Girard and Jean Chavanne. m. Anna Marie Kemper. eleven children.

+ 4 iii. MARIE CATHERINE (aka CATHERINE). b. 01 Jun 1819 Rechesy France. sp. Pierre Girard and Jean Chavanne. m. Urs Johann Kamber. six children.

5 iv. FRANCOIS (aka FRANZ). b. 11 Feb 1821 Rechesy France. sp. Jacque Chavanne and Jean Hainigue. d. 08 Feb 1867 Maria Stein Ohio. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein Ohio. occ. farmer.

6 v. PIERRE (aka PETER). b.03 Sep 1823 Rechesy France. sp. Joseph Bernard and Pierre Bernard. d. 03 Aug 1893 Maria Stein Ohio of tuberculosis at home of nephew Joseph after living there for one year. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein Ohio R. 13 Gr.09. occ. farmer. German epitaph reads: After the hurried game of life, And the grave of old age; We wish that you now be allotted, The pure and heavenly peace of God.

7 vi. ANTOINE (aka DAN). b. 17 Jan 1826 Rechesy France sp. Joseph Fleury and Jacques Chavanne. d. 22 Nov. 1892 Maria Stein, Ohio. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein Ohio. R. 13 Gr. 05. occ farmer.

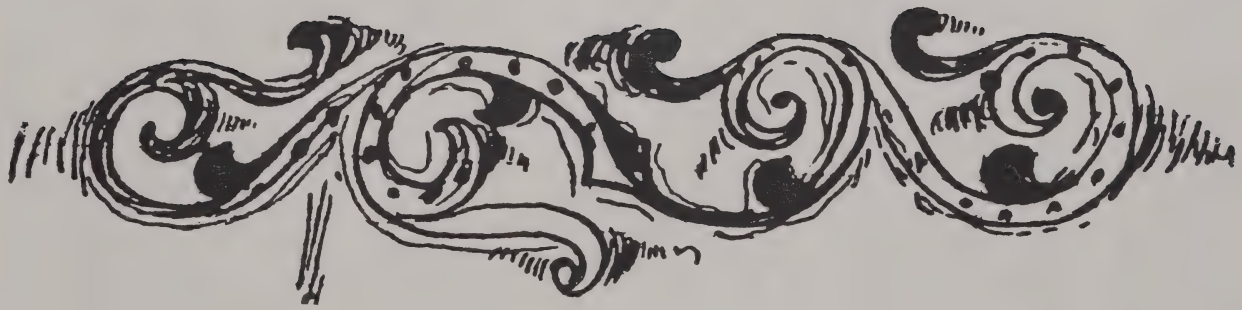
+ 8 vii. LEON . b. 20 Feb 1828 Rechesy France. sp. Pierre Gory and Pierre Pollingue. m. Margaret Agnes DeCurtins. two daughters and one son.

9 viii. MAGDALENA. b. 15 Aug 1830 Perry County Ohio. sp. Moreland and Mary Burkshaw. d. 14 Aug 1862 Maria Stein Ohio. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein Ohio. occ. housekeeper.

+ 10 ix. JOHN. b. 20 May 1832 Perry County Ohio. sp. Joseph and Agnes Dull. m. Josephine Depweg. one daughter.

11 x. LOUIS. b. 11 Apr 1836 Perry County Ohio. sp. Joseph and Catherine Bernard. Is not listed in census of 1860 but claimed inheritance from father on 11 Feb 1865 . d. ukn. occ. ukn. No further known contact with family.

END OF FIRST GENERATION



LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY:

THE SECOND GENERATION

3. Joseph[2] Bernard *(Leon [1])* was born on 22 May 1817 in Rechesy France. He married Anna Marie Kemper on 13 June 1839 in Minster, Ohio. She was born 25 Feb 1819 of Swiss immigrants in Pennsylvania. He acquired 80 acres of land from Joseph Kamber in 1840 and was a successful farmer. The farm was located near Maria Stein, Ohio near his father's farm. He died on 19 Mar 1886 at his home and is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Maria Stein, Ohio. Anna Marie subsequently died at the home of her son Louis at Cranberry Prairie, Ohio on 29 August 1894.

Children of Joseph[2] and Anna Marie (Kemper) Bernard:

+	12	i.	MARIE ELIZABETH. b. abt 1841. m. Bernard Goecke. seven children.
	13	ii.	JACOB. b. 24 Sep 1842 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 29 Sep 1842.
	14	iii.	JAMES. b. 1843 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 23 Jan 1863.
+	15	iv.	FRANCIS. b. 04 Apr 1846.[1] m. Agnes Tepe. seven children. Elizabeth Thobe. eleven children.
+	16	v.	MARIA MAGDALENA. b. October 1847.[2] m. Joseph Rolfes. twelve children.

[1] Records from St. John Church indicate birthdate 13 May 1846. This may have been baptismal date.

[2] There are variations of the listing of her birth from 1846 until 1856. This date is from the Census of 1900.

	17	vi.	JOHN ANTON. b. 04 Nov. 1849 [3] Maria Stein, Ohio. Lived with Henry Rolfes in 1900. d. 30 Jun 1903 at home of brother Frank of tuberculosis. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein. occ. ukn.
+	18	vii.	PETER. b. 25 May 1850. m. Elizabeth Ruther. Cincinnati Ohio. three children.
+	19	viii.	JOSEPH. b. 05 Nov. 1852. m. Elizabeth Wildenhaus. nine children.
	20	ix.	HENRY. b. 28 Nov. 1854 Maria Stein Ohio. d. abt. 1855. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein .
+	21	x.	J. HENRY. b. 06 Sep 1857.[4] m. Elizabeth Stark. ten children.
+	22	xi.	LOUIS. b. 19 Aug 1859.[5] m. Caroline Karch. eleven children.

4. Catherine[2] Bernard *(Leon[1])* was born 01 Jun 1819 in Rechesy, Territory of Belfort, France. She married Urs Johann Kamber (aka Kemper or Kamper) in Minster, Ohio on May 20, 1837 , Rev. F. J. Bartels presiding. Her husband was born circa 1815 in Ifenthal, Switzerland. They lived on a farm adjacent to brother Joseph's farm near Maria Stein Ohio. Both of them and their children are listed on the 1850 Census and it is likely that both of them died in the cholera epidemic shortly thereafter. No records have been found recording their deaths. The 1860 Census lists four children living with Unice Kemper, age 80, on the home farm. Barbara was noted twice, living there and with Leon Bernard. The children received their mother's share in the will of Leon Bernard settled in 1864.

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[3] Taken from Census Record of 1900.

[4] Traditional family birthdate is 12 Sep 1858. Records at St. John's Church give 06 Sep 1857 which corresponds with census data of 1860 and 1870. Given name is recorded as John Henry Bernard.

[5] Traditional family birthdate is 06 Sep 1858. Records at St. John's Church give 19 Aug 1859 which corresponds with census data of 1860 and 1870.

Children of Catherine[2] Bernard and Urs Johann Kamber:

23 i. ANNA MARIE. b. 25 Aug 1838 Maria Stein Ohio. bp. Minster Ohio 03 Sep 1838. No other information has been found.

24 ii. ANN ELIZABETH. b. 04 Mar 1840 in Maria Stein Ohio. bp. St. Augustine Minster Ohio. Served as baptism sponsor for Louis Bernard (#22) in 1859. No other information has been found. d. aft 1864.

+ 25 iii. JOHN JOSEPH. b. 18 Jan 1843 in Maria Stein Ohio. bp.29 Jan 1843 at St. Augustine Church Minster Ohio. two children.

26 iv. MARGARET. b. 22 Sep 1845 Maria Stein Ohio. d. aft. 1864.

27 v. MARY MAGDALENA. b. 02 Jun 1847 Maria Stein Ohio. d. bfr. 1850.

28 vi. BARBARA. b. abt 1849 in Maria Stein Ohio. d. aft. 1864.

8. Leon[2] Bernard *(Leon[1])* was born 20 Feb 1828 in Rechesy France. He married Margaret Agnes DeCurtins[6] (b. abt 1831) on 13 January 1853 at St. John's Church in Maria Stein, Ohio. It is likely but unverified that she was a member of the DeCurtins family (b. Switzerland) famous for building and decorating many churches in Mercer County. It is assumed that Leon was a farmer. His untimely death on 08 April 1857 left a widow and three children. He was buried at St. John's Cemetery in Maria Stein. His wife died shortly thereafter on 27 September 1859 and was likewise buried at St. John's Cemetery in Maria Stein. The three children were living with their grandfather Leon during the summer of 1860 as noted in the Federal Census.

[6] Indicated in records of St. John as "Degartin/Decortin".

Children of Leon[2] and Margaret Agnes (DeCurtins) Bernard:

29 i. CATHERINE. b. abt 1854 d. 26 March 1875. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein Ohio.

30 ii. JOSEPH. b. 17 Aug 1856 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 19 Aug 1876 of tuberculosis. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein. occ. farmer.

+ 31 iii. MARIA FRANCISCA. b. 14 May 1857 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Anton Overman. two sons.

10. John[2] Bernard *(Leon[1])* was born 20 May 1832 in Perry County, Ohio. His schooling was in Maria Stein Ohio. He married Josephine Depweg (b. 1835) circa 1855. Upon receipt of his inheritance from his father on 05 Apr 1864, he left Mercer County and had no further known contact with the family.

The child of John[2] and Josephine (Depweg) Bernard:

32 i. MARY ELIZABETH. b. 29 Sep 1857 Maria Stein Ohio.

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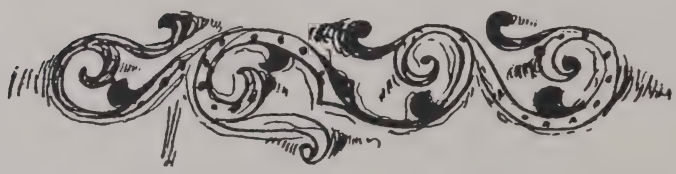

LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY:

THE THIRD GENERATION

12. Maria Elizabeth[3] Bernard *(Joseph[2] Leon[1])* was born abt 1841 at Maria Stein, Ohio. She married Bernard Goecke (b. abt. 1840 in Ohio) on 21 May 1861 at St. John's Church, Maria Stein, Ohio. His parents were born in Hanover Germany. They lived on a farm near her father and near the original Leon Bernard farm. She died on 25 Aug 1878 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery at Maria Stein, Ohio. Bernard Goecke lived on that farm until his death on 13 Apr 1895. He is also buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Children of Maria Elizabeth[3] Bernard and Bernard Goecke:

33 i. ANNA MARIE. b. 29 Aug 1862 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 25 Jul 1863. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

34 ii. MARIA BERNARDINA. b. 06 Dec 1863 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 1872. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

+ 35 iii. JOSEPH FRANK (aka FRANK). b. 22 Dec 1865 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Catherina Schroeder. ten children.

36 iv. ANNA MARIA MAGDALENA (aka ANNA). b. 21 Sep 1868 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 30 Jun 1888 of tuberculosis. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

37 v. MARIA CATHERINA (aka KATY). b. 10 Sep 1871 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 08 Jan 1890 of tuberculosis. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

38 vi. JOSEPH. b.05 Dec 1873 Maria Stein Ohio. d.bfr.1894

+ 39 vii. JOHN GERHARD. b. 24 Feb 1877 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Mary Beckman. seven children.

The Francis Bernard Homestead
Huwer Road - St. Rose, Ohio

15. Francis Joseph (aka Frank)[3] Bernard *(Joseph[2] Leon[1])* was born 04 Apr 1846 on the Marion Township farm. His father died when he was twenty years old. On 03 May 1870 he married Agnes S. Tepe (b. 29 Aug 1852 Damme, Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany) at St. John's Church, Maria Stein Ohio. She was the daughter of Frederick Tepe (1828-1897) and A. Sieverding. They purchased a farm of ninety-four acres three miles south of the village of St. Rose in Marion Township Ohio. Her untimely death of "lung fever" on 30 Dec 1880 left her husband with ~~seven~~ three children. She was buried in Row 8 of St. Rose Cem. Marion Township on 31 Dec 1880. Frank's second marriage was to Elizabeth Thobe on 24 January 1882 in St. Rose Church. She was born 18 Aug 1861 in Carthagena, Ohio the daughter of Henry Thobe and Barbara Eisenstein. Eleven children were born to this union. Frank died 09 July 1915 and is buried in St. Henry Cemetery, St. Henry, Ohio. Elizabeth moved to Dayton, Ohio and died 06 Aug 1938. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dayton Ohio.

Children of Francis[3] and Agnes S. (Tepe) Bernard:

+ 40 i. JOSEPH. b. 04 Jan 1871 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Mary Elizabeth Hartings. three children.

41 ii. WILHELM. b. 12 Jan 1872 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. 06 Oct 1873. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

42 iii. ELIZABETH. b. 05 Nov 1873 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. 1875. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

43 iv. MARIA. b. abt 1874 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. abt 1875. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

44 v. ANNA. b. 05 Aug 1875 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. 25 Sep 1876. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

+ 45 vi. FRANK. b. 25 Dec 1877 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Mary Bertke. seven children.

+ 46 vii. JACOB. b. 26 Apr 1880 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Cecilia Bertke. five children. Josephine Stegeman. three children.

Children of Francis[3] and Elizabeth (Thobe) Bernard:

+ 47 viii. HENRY JOHN. b. 21 Oct 1882 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m.Matilda Catherine Romer. nine children.

+ 48 ix. ROSE. b. 14 Nov 1884 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Edward M. Boehmer. six children.

+ 49 x. KATHRYN. b. 07 Mar 1887 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Peter Brockman. ten children.

+ 50 xi. BERNADINE. b. 30 Dec 1889 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Michael Boehmer. four children.

Wedding Photograph of Francis J. Bernard and Elizabeth Thobe, circa 1882

51 xii. MARGARET. b. 15 Jun 1892 Marion Twnsp Ohio. Moved to Dayton Ohio. d. 18 May 1970 Dayton Ohio. bd. Calvary Cem Dayton Ohio. occ. Employee of Green & Green Biscuit Co.

52 xiii. SARAH. b. 19 Jun 1894 Marion Twnsp Ohio.d. 08 Aug 1894. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

53 xiv. AGNES. b. 21 May 1895 Marion Twnsp Ohio. Moved to Dayton Ohio. d. 22 Mar 1989 Kalamazoo MI. bd. Calvary Cem. Dayton Ohio. occ. Laborer at Green & Green Biscuit Co.

54 xv. JOHN. b. 20 May 1897 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. 31 May 1897. bd. St. Rose Cem. Marion Twnsp.

The Francis J. Bernard Family, circa 1900

Left to right: Emma, Agnes, Rose (Boehmer), Bernadine (Boehmer), Henry, Joseph, Frank, Jacob, Margaret.

Seated: Frank, Elizabeth, Lawrence.

55 xvi. EMMA. b. 20 Jun 1898 Marion Twnsp Ohio. d. 27 Apr 1957 Dayton Ohio. bd. Calvary Cem Dayton Ohio. occ. housekeeper.

\+ 56 xvii. LAWRENCE FRANK. b. 24 Mar 1900 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Margaret Frances Weinert. five children.

\+ 57 xviii. RAYMOND JACOB. b. 02 Jul 1901 Marion Twnsp Ohio. m. Mildred Lucile Smith. three children.

16. Maria Magdalena (aka Magdalena)[3] Bernard (*Joseph*[2] *Leon*[1]) was born on October 1847[7] in Maria Stein, Ohio. She married Joseph Rolfes on 02 May 1865 in St. John's Church in Maria Stein. He resided in nearby Minster (Egypt) Ohio and was the son of Johann Heinrich Rolfes (1809-1866) and Maria Catherine Huessmann (1808-1877) both immigrants of Oldenburg, Germany. They purchased land between her parent's and her grandfather's (Leon) farm, where she lived the remainder of her life. Joseph died on 04 Dec 1883 and is buried in St. John's Cem in Maria Stein. Magdalena died on 22 Sep 1922 in Maria Stein and is buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Children of Magdalena[3] Bernard and Joseph Rolfes:

\+ 58 i. HENRY. b. 17 Jan 1866 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Elizabeth Vehorn. seven children.

59 ii. ANNA MARIE CATHERINE. b. 05 Aug 1867 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 09 Dec 1872. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein Ohio.

\+ 60 iii. FRANCIS. b. 05 Nov 1868 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Elizabeth Schmitt. five children.

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7 Birthdates vary from 1846 till 1856. 1847 chosen from Federal Census of 1900.

+ 61 iv. MARIA ELIZABETH. b. 10 Feb 1870 Maria Stein Ohio. m. John Clemens Vehorn. three children.

+ 62 v. MARIA BERNADINA. b. 02 Mar 1871 [8] Maria Stein Ohio. m. Bernard Vehorn. three children. II Edwin C. Brunswick. seven children.

63 vi. HERMAN. b. 07 Apr 1872 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 21 July 1872. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

64 vii. JOHN. b. 10 Oct 1873 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 07 Dec 1881. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

65 viii. CLEMENS. b. 16 Dec 1874 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 27 Sep 1876. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

66 ix. LUDWIG. b. 05 Jan 1877 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 19 Dec 1900. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

67 x. KATHERINE. b. 12 Mar 1879 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 08 Feb 1954. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein. occ. seamstress/ housekeeper. Noted as a modiste.

68 xi. CAROLINA. b. 21 Aug 1880 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 26 Aug 1920. occ. housekeeper.

69 xii. ANTON. b. 23 Aug 1882 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 09 Oct 1939. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein. occ. farmer.

18. Peter[3] Bernard *(Joseph[2], Leon[1])* was born 25 May 1850 in Maria Stein, Ohio. He was employed as a wagonmaker but moved to Cincinnati in 1871 and worked as a wheelwright. He married Elizabeth Ruther (b. 08 Aug 1866 Germany) 15 Sept 1891. They lived at 746 West Fifth Street and were members of Holy Trinity Church. His early death from tuberculosis on 27 Feb 1899 left Elizabeth a

[8] Taken from records at St. John Church. Differs from date on memorial card.

widow with three children. He was buried in Old St. Joseph Cem in Cincinnati. Elizabeth later married Frank Washburn (b.circa 1866), a barber. He was the son of Adam and Julia Washburn. They lived for many years at 2487 Warsaw Ave in the suburb of Price Hill. The names of their two sons were changed from Bernard to Washburn. Frank died on 30 July 1935 and Elizabeth continued to live with her daughter Barbara until her death on 13 July 1953. She was buried in Old St. Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati.

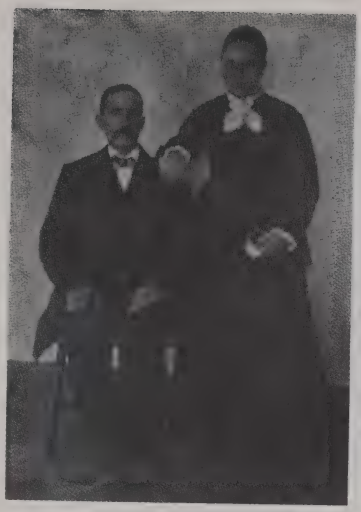
Children of Peter[3] and Elizabeth (Ruther) Bernard:

+ 70 i. BARBARA . b. 01 Aug 1892 in Cincinnati Ohio. m. Bernard Weckenbrock. three children.

+ 71 ii. WILLIAM A. (WASHBURN). b. 12 Sep 1894 in Cincinnati Ohio. m. Anna Woestman. one daughter.

+ 72 iii. JOHN T. (WASHBURN). b. 01 Nov 1896 in Cincinnati Ohio. m. Estelle F. Faul. two children.

19. Joseph[3] Bernard *(Joseph,[2] Leon[1])* was born on 05 November 1852 on the family farm near Maria Stein, Ohio. He married Gertrude Elizabeth Wildenhaus (b.17 Apr 1860 Ochtrup Westphalia Germany) on 03 May 1881 in St. John Church Maria Stein. He worked as a plasterer, bricklayer, and contractor in the Maria Stein area. Though lacking formal training, he played the violin and was noted for singing tenor with his brothers at weddings in the area and festive occasions with the family. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1941. He died on 08 May 1942 and was buried in St. John Cem Maria Stein Row 06 Gr 20. Pallbearers were Joseph and Fred Goeke, A.H. Bruggeman, Frank Borges, Anthony Heitbrink, and James Gagel. Elizabeth's death followed on 26 Oct 1948. She is buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein.



Joseph and Elizabeth Bernard
on their Wedding Day 03 May 1881 and
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary 03 May 1931

Children of Joseph[3] and Gertrude Elizabeth (Wildenhaus) Bernard:

+ 73 i. JOSEPH HERMAN. b. 22 Nov 1882 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Agatha Heckman. seven children.

+ 74 ii. AUGUST HENRY (aka GUST). b. 26 Aug 1884 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Regina Weber. four children.

75 iii. MARIA MAGDALENA. b. 06 February 1887 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 13 Aug 1888. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

76 iv. JOHN FRANCIS. b. 02 July 1889 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 23 Aug 1890. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

+ 77 v. JOHN ANTON. b. 13 July 1891 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Elizabeth (Bess) Wehrle. two children.

Joseph Bernard Family
Taken on their Golden Wedding Anniversary 03 May 1931
Left to right: Sister Kathryn, August, Joseph, John.
Front: Regina (Hoying), Joseph and Elizabeth, Elizabeth (Hoying).

78 vi. JOSEPHINA ELIZABETH b. 06 Nov 1893 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 04 Dec 1894. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

79 vii. MARIA JOSEPHINA CATHERINA (SR. KATHRYN). b. 14 Apr 1896 Maria Stein Ohio. Worked as a cook in Dayton Ohio for six years. Ent. Congregation of Precious Blood Convent 11 Aug 1916. Served as a teacher, seamstress and cook. d. 13 Nov 1988 Dayton Ohio. bd. Salem Heights Convent Cem Dayton Ohio.

+ 80 viii. HENRIETTA ELIZABETH (aka LIZZIE). b. 01 Oct 1898 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Frank J. Hoying . eleven children.

+ 81 ix. REGINA BERNADINE. b. 08 July 1902 Maria Stein Ohio. m . William H. Hoying. ten children.

21. John Henry[3] Bernard (aka Henry) *(Joseph,[2] Leon[1])* was born 06 Sep 1857[9] in Maria Stein, Ohio. At an early age he moved to the northwestern part of Mercer County where he met his future wife. He married Elizabeth Stark on 22 Sep 1886 in Celina, Ohio. She was born 16 Nov 1863 in Padua (St. Anthony) Ohio, the daughter of Max and Mary Stark. He became involved in Democratic politics and ran for County Recorder. A respected businessman, he operated a saloon in Chattanooga Ohio and, in his later years, was a hotel manager in Coldwater, Ohio. His early death occurred 20 Sep 1909 in Coldwater. He was buried in St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater. Elizabeth continued to operate the hotel. She briefly moved to Columbus, Ohio but returned to Coldwater where she died on 12 May 1947. She is buried beside her husband in St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater.

Children of John Henry[3] and Elizabeth (Stark) Bernard:

+ 82 i. ESTELLE MARY. b. 29 Jun 1887 Chattanooga Ohio. m. August F. Hamburger. four children.

83 ii. AGNES AURELIA. b. 06 Jan 1889 Chattanooga Ohio. d. 04 Oct 1890. bd. Catholic Cem Celina Ohio.

iii. INFANT SON. b.- d. 25 May 1892 Chattanooga Ohio. bd. Catholic Cem Celina Ohio.

iv. INFANT SON. b.- d. 15 Feb 1894 Chattanooga Ohio. bd. Catholic Cem Celina Ohio.

84 v. LEO. b. 14 Jan 1895 Chattanooga Ohio. m. bfr 1933 Eva Shirtzinger. res. Delaware Ohio. d. Feb 1949. bd. St. Marys Cem Delaware Ohio. occ. salesperson.

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[9] Taken from records at St. John Church Maria Stein, Ohio. There are variations of this date.

+ 85 iv. EULALIA ELIZABETH (aka PEG). b. 12 Nov 1896 Chattanooga Ohio. m. Robert H. Giere. three children.

86 v. HILDA. b. 25 Aug 1898 Chattanooga Ohio. d. 09 Feb 1904 Hamilton Ohio. bd. St. Stephen Cem Hamilton Ohio.

+ 87 vi. CLARENCE FREDERICK (aka NEWSY). b. 14 May 1900 Coldwater Ohio. m. Edith Hainline. one son.

88 vii. LOUIS HENRY. b. 14 Nov 1903 Hamilton Ohio. d. 1952 Delaware Ohio. bd. St. Marys Cem Delaware Ohio. occ. chiropodist.

89 viii. RAPHAEL GERALD (aka BUSS). b. 08 Nov 1905 Burkettsville Ohio. d. 26 Nov 1976 Coldwater Ohio. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater. occ. craftsman.

22. Louis[3] Bernard *(Joseph,[2] Leon[1])* was born 19 Aug 1859 [10] on the family farm in Maria Stein, Ohio. His baptismal sponsors were Franciscus Bernard and Elizabeth Kamper. On 28 Sep 1886 he married Caroline Karch (b.31 Dec 1865 St. Marys Ohio sp. George and Caroline Mackley) in St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie Ohio. She was the daughter of George Karch (1827 -1896) and Walburga Riedl (1826 - 1907) both immigrants of Germany. They owned an seventy eight acre farm in Granville Township south of Cranberry Prairie near the farm of Caroline's parents where they grew tobacco, corn, wheat, and sugar beets and raised some livestock. Louis died of heart problems on 21 July 1922 and is buried in St. Francis Cemetery Cranberry Prairie Ohio. Caroline moved to St. Henry where she lived with her son William and his family until her death on 24 July 1947. She is also buried beside her husband in St. Francis Cemetery.

[10] Taken from records at St. John Church in Maria Stein. Differs from memorial card.

The Louis Bernard Family
Seated: Louis, Edward, Caroline. **Standing:** George, William, Dorothy (Rush), Clara (Schwieterman), Anthony, Mary (Huwer), Frank.

The Bernard Family Orchestra
Seated: George, William, Anthony, Frank, and Clara.
Standing Friends: Ollie Kothman, Lyle Karch, Adeline (Henry) Bernard, Grover George, Leo Barga.

Children of Louis[3] and Caroline (Karch) Bernard:

+ 90 i. GEORGE. b. 22 Jun 1887 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. m. Gertrude Fischer. three children.

+ 91 ii. FRANK. b. 18 Jun 1888 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. m. Adeline C. Henry. four children.

+ 92 iii. MARY MAGDALENE. 23 Aug 1889 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. Joseph Karch/ Magdalena Bernard. m. William F. Huwer. four children.

+ 93 iv. ANTHONY WILLIAM. b. 23 Mar 1891 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. Joseph Bernard / Anna Geise. m. Regina Stammen. twelve children.

94 v. ELIZABETH. b. 11 Dec 1892 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. John Bernard/Margaretha Heiser. d. 29 Aug 1894. bd. St. Francis Cem Cranberry Prairie. Mem stone reads in German "Oh I will see you again, Our child remains at the throne of the Lord, Where our God will be."

+ 95 vi. CLARA ELIZABETH. b. 05 Nov 1894 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. Benedict Quinter/ Elizabeth Bernard (of St. Rose). m. Albert J. Schwieterman. four children.

+ 96 vii. WILLIAM ANTHONY. b. 06 Aug 1896 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp.Henry Rolfes/Carolina Quinter. m. Ada E. Ahlers. six children.

97 viii. CHARLES LEWIS. b. 06 Sep 1898 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. Peter Karch/Margaretha Heiser. d. 11 Sep 1900. bd. St. Francis Cem Cranberry Prairie. Mem stone reads: "Weep not dear parents, Disturb not my rest, My Savior called me, He loved me best."

+ 98 ix. DOROTHY ELEANOR. b. 21 May 1900 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp.August/Calara Eillerman. m. Clarence Rush. two children.

+ 99 x. EDWARD LEWIS. b. 05 Jun 1902 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. sp. Frederick/Catherine Melchior. m. Augusta Heckler. two children.

100 xi. LEONARD HENRY. b. 09 May 1907 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. d. 31 May 1908. sp. Henry/Elizabeth Bernard (of St. John). bd. St. Francis Cem Cranberry Prairie.

25. John Joseph[3] Kamber (aka Joseph Kemper) *(Marie Catherine,[2] Leon[1])* was born 18 Jan 1843[11] in Maria Stein Ohio. He was baptized 29 Jan 1843 Minster Ohio. The death of his parents necessitated his living with his grandfather Leon by 1860. He was married in Auglaize County 16 Jun 1874 to Maria Louisa Diedrich (b. abt 1845 New Orleans La). She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Diedrich of Wapakoneta both natives of Alsace. Joseph worked in a lumber mill and resided in Wapakoneta. He died 23 Nov 1915 from "lung trouble". Maria died 20 Jun 1927 in Toledo Ohio and is buried in New St. Joseph Cemetery Wapakoneta Ohio.

Children of Joseph[3] and Maria A (Diedrich) Kemper:

101 i. JOSEPH EDWARD. b. 19 July 1878. sp. Andrew and Margaret Diedrich. bp. 28 Jul 1878. d. aft. 1927. r. 109 E. Mechanic Str. Wapakoneta Ohio. occ. laborer

102 ii. JOHN LEON. b. 19 Jun 1880. sp. Sebastian Weinert and Wilhelmina Diedrich. bp. 27 Jun 1880. r. Park Str. Wapakoneta. Ohio. occ. railroad employee. d. aft. 1927.

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[11] Death record in Auglaize Cty lists birthdate as 18 Jan 1846.

31. Maria Francisca[3] Bernard (*Leon,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 May 1857 in Maria Stein, Ohio. Her father had been deceased at the time of her birth and her mother died two years later. She was listed as living at the home of her grandfather Leon in the 1860 Federal Census. On 27 Jun 1876 she married Anton Overman (b. 06 May1849 Minster Ohio), the son of Henry and Agnes(Bodman) Overman, in St. John Church Maria Stein Ohio. Witnesses at their wedding were Johannas Overman and Joseph Bernard. Her early death on 25 Mar 1882 from tuberculosis left her husband a widower with two children. She was buried in St. John Cem Maria Stein. Her husband continued to live in the area until his death on 05 Jan 1927.[12] He is also buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein.

Children of Maria Francisca[3] Bernard and Anton Overman:

103 i. JOHN P. b.08 Jun 1877[13] . Had tuberculosis. d. 28 July 1929 in California. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

104 ii. FREDERICK BERNARD (aka FRITZ). b. 21 Dec 1879 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 04 Aug 1881. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

END OF THIRD GENERATION

[12] Census Reports of 1900, 1910, and 1920 indicate he married Catherine Moeder abt 1884 and fathered six additional children.

[13] Noted in only the 1880 and 1900 Census. Birth was not verified at St. Johns.

LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY:

THE FOURTH GENERATION

35. Joseph Frank[4] Goecke (*Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 22 Dec 1865 in Maria Stein, Ohio. He married Catherina Bernadina Schroeder on 06 May 1896 in Maria Stein. She was born 03 August 1876 in Maria Stein, daughter of Frederick Schroeder and Catherina Plaspohl. By profession he was a carpenter/craftsman and Catherina a homemaker. He died on 27 July 1916 and is buried in St. John Cem Maria Stein. In 1921 Catherina moved to Dayton Ohio where she lived until her death 02 Feb 1951. She was buried in Calvary Cem Dayton Ohio.

Children of Frank[4] and Catherina B. (Schroeder) Goecke:

105 i. JOHANNA BERNARDINA. b. 06 Jul 1897 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 04 Nov 1899. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

106 ii. ELIZABETH. b. 06 Mar 1899 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 06 Sep 1899. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

107 iii. JOSEPH BERNARD FREDERICK. b. 19 Aug 1900 Maria Stein Ohio. d. 01 Sep 1909. bd. St. John Cem. Maria Stein.

+ 108 iv. REGINA FRANCES. b. 09 Dec 1902 . m. Raymond Menker. two children.

+ 109 v. ROSALIA MARIA. b. 09 Jan 1905 . m. Earl Clarkson. one child. II. Michael Weber . seven children. III. George Woerl .

110 vi. ALFRED RAYMOND. b. 12 Jun 1907. Maria Stein Ohio. d. 11 Jan 1908. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

+ 111 vii. HERBERT HENRY. b. 27 Jul 1909. m. Ethel L. Young. one child.

+ 112 viii. HILDA ELIZABETH. b. 26 Oct 1911. m. Zack Eldridge. six children. II. John D. Bearden.

+ 113 ix. ELMER FRANCIS. b. 12 Jul 1914. m. Marjorie Swartz Goecke. four children.

+ 114 x. EUGENE JOHN. b. 23 May 1916. m. Marjorie Swartz*. one child.

39. **John Gerhard[4] Goecke** (*Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Feb 1877[14] in Maria Stein, Ohio. In Feb of 1896 Anton Overman signed as guardian in an inheritance settlement from Anna Marie (Kemper) Bernard. He married Mary Beckman (b. 20 Dec 1880) in Cassella Ohio on 29 Oct 1902. She was the daughter of Henry Beckman and Catherine Martin. He was a farmer and later an employee at the New Idea Spreader Works where he was a fireman. Mary was a very exacting homemaker. They owned a farm in nearby St. Sebastian Ohio but later moved to Coldwater Ohio before 1912. Being a small man with a large mustache, he never weighed over 128 pounds. Mary died on 24 Jan 1947 and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery Coldwater. John died later on 18 July 1951 and is buried beside his wife.

The child of John Gerhard[4] and Mary (Beckman) Goecke:

+ 115 i. IDA KATHERINE. b. 03 Sep 1904. m. Gerhard F. Moeller. six children.

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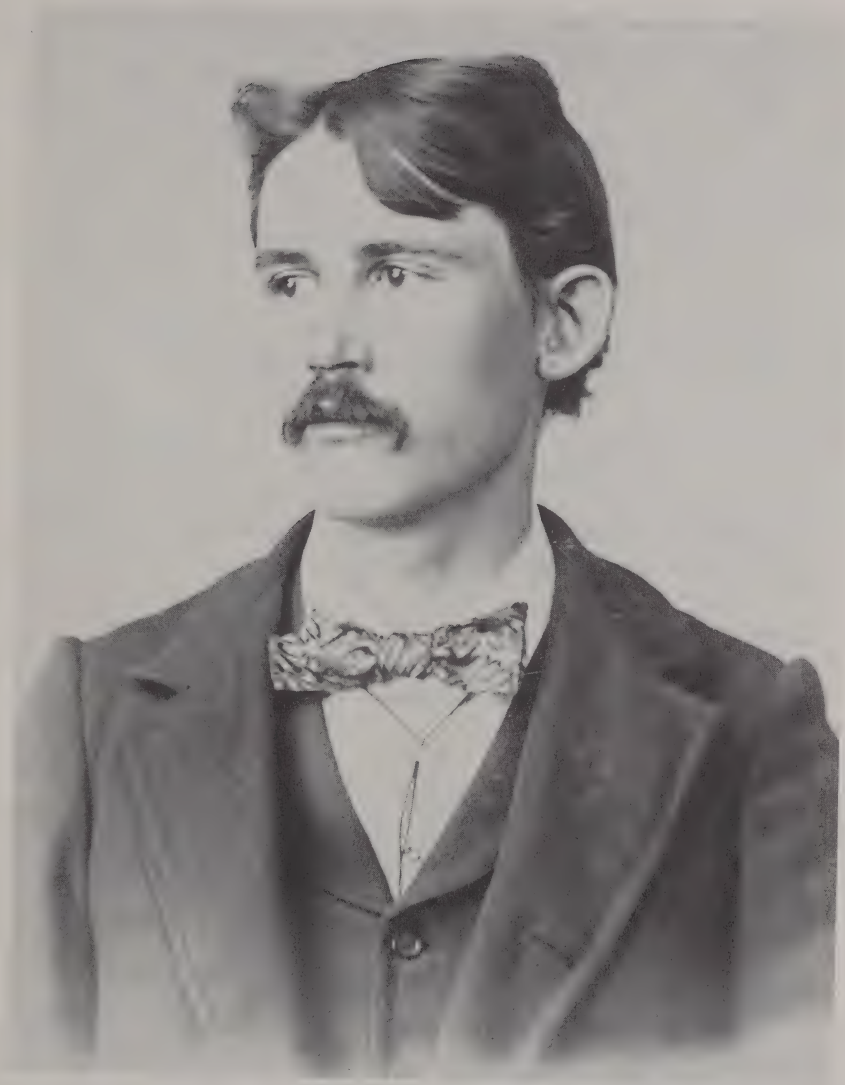
[14] Church record differs from that given on memorial card.



John G. Goecke (1877 - 1951)
circa 1897. Photo by Jos. Oppenheim. Maria Stein, Ohio

116 ii. EMMA CATHERINE. b. 05 Dec 1906 Maria Stein Ohio. m. 03 Sep 1924 Alfred J. Dorsten (b.21 Feb 1897 - d. 24 Nov 1965) St. Sebastian Ohio. p. August/Bernadine(Rose) Dorsten. d. 08 Jan 1991 Celina Ohio. bd. St. Sebastian Cem Mercer County. occ. homemaker.

+ 117 iii. GREGORY BERNARD. b. 21 July 1912. m. Anselma Sudhoff . three children.

+ 118 iv. URBAN JOHN. b. 04 Jun 1914. m. Ludvina Schoenlein. three children.

+ 119 v. MARGARET FRANCES. b. 24 Jan 1916 .m. Thomas Schoch. three children.

+ 120 vi. CLOTILDA ELIZABETH. b. 04 Jan 1919. m. Leon Muhlenkamp. eight children.

+ 121 vii. RITA ANNA. b. 22 March 1922 St. Sebastian Ohio. m. 03 May 1943 Ralph Sudhoff (1912-1965) St. Sebastian. II. Gregor Shaffer 17 July 1970.

40. Joseph^4 Bernard (*Francis,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon^1*)was born 04 Jan 1871 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Mercer County Ohio. He was baptized on 10 Jan in St. Rose Church. He married Mary Elizabeth Hartings on 17 Oct 1893 in Nativity church at Cassella Ohio. She was born 20 May 1871 in Cassella the daughter of Reinhard Hartings and Louise Ungruhn. They resided in St. Rose and Red Key IN where he was a laborer in the oil fields . He was killed in a drilling accident in Red Key IN on 13 Sep 1901 and is buried in St. Rose Cemetery in Marion Township Ohio. Mary Elizabeth married Peter Boehmer (1871 - 1926) on 10 May 1904 at. St. Francis Church in Cranberry Prairie Ohio. She died on 20 May 1926 in Minster Ohio and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery, Minster Ohio.

Children of Joseph[4] and Mary Elizabeth (Hartings) Bernard:

+ 122 i. WILLIAM FRANK. b. 20 Feb 1895. m. Anna Marie Boeke. two children.

123 ii. LORETTA. b. 22 Feb 1898 St. Rose Ohio. d. 08 Apr 1959 Minster Ohio. bd. St. Augustine Cem Minster Ohio.

124 iii. JOHN RAYMOND. b. 18 Apr 1901 Red Key IN. m. 26 Aug 1933 Mary Lenora Adkins Cincinnati Ohio. d. 05 Dec 1989 Dayton Ohio. bd. Calvary Cem Dayton Ohio.

Children of Mary Elizabeth and Peter Boehmer:

CLEOPHA. b. 23 Oct 1907 Maria Stein Ohio.
m. 20 Jun 1936 Ferd Homan r. Minster Ohio.
three children:
i. Robert John.
ii. Donald Peter.
iii. Mary Ann Heitkamp.

45. **Frank[4] Bernard** (*Francis[3] Joseph[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 Dec 1877 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. He received his First Communion on 13 Apr 1890. On 29 Apr 1902 he married Mary Bertke (b. 22 Dec 1882 Cassella Ohio) in Nativity Church Cassella Ohio. She was the daughter of Fred Bertke and Elizabeth Everman. Witnesses were Jacob and Rose Bernard, August Everman, and Cecilia Bertke. He established with brother Jake a blacksmith shop in Coldwater Ohio from circa 1904 - 1910. Moving to Osgood Ohio, he continued the business there until 1920 when he moved to Celina Ohio. In 1925 he and his family moved once more to establish the blacksmith business in Kenton Ohio. He remained in Kenton until his sudden death on 30 Dec 1946 and is buried in St. Marys Cemetery there. Mary continued to live there until her death 13 Sep 1970. She is buried in St. Marys Cemetery beside her husband.

Children of Frank[4] and Mary (Bertke) Bernard:

+ 125 i. AGNES ALVERA. b. 19 Mar 1903 m. Albert Voskuhl. three children.

126 ii. ALVERA MARY. b. 06 Feb 1905 Coldwater Ohio. m. 17 May 1934 Joseph William Clark D.O., M.D., osteopathic physician and surgeon, (b. 27 May 1902 Paulding Ohio - d. 10 Sep 1979. Delphos. bd. St. John Cem Delphos) Celina Ohio. Active in civic and church activities & follows Cinti Reds. Initiated family research study. r. Delphos Ohio. occ. stenographer/homemaker.

+ 127 iii. JEROME FRANK (Twin). b. 16 July 1907. m. Marcella Ruth Steiner. three children.

+ 128 iv. HENRIETTA ANNA (Twin). b. 16 July 1907 . m. Eugene George Howick. three children.

129 v. FRANCES RITA. b. 08 Nov 1909 Coldwater Ohio. Gr. Good Samaritan School of Nursing 1930. m. 25 Sep 1933 Harry Meier Batavia Ohio.* II. 07 Feb 1945 Walter E. Buehler Covington KY. r. Cincinnati Ohio. occ. nurse. d. 10 May 1965 Cincinnati. bd. Spring Grove Cem Cincinnati.

130 vi. LEROY JOSEPH. b. 26 Sep 1911 Osgood Ohio. d. 02 Aug 1943 Killed in action in World War II at Munda Airfield on New Georgia in New Guinea . Awarded Purple Heart. bd. Military Cem Manila Philippines.

+ 131 vii. LEO JOHN. b. 25 Jan 1914. m. Elizabeth (Betty) MacArthur Fox. five children.

The Frank Bernard Family
Left to right; Seated: Frank, Jerome, Mary (Bertke) Bernard.
Center: LeRoy, Leo. **Back Row:** Henrietta (Howick) Agnes (Voskuhl), Alvera (Clark), and Frances (Buehler).

Alvera Bernard Clark, age 6 months

46. Jacob[4] Bernard (aka Jake) (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 26 Apr 1880 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. He married Cecilia Bertke (b.08 May 1885) daughter of Fred Bertke and Elizabeth Everman on 10 Aug 1904 in Nativity Church in Cassella Ohio. Moving to Coldwater Ohio, he operated a blacksmith business with his brother between 1904 and 1910 and continued to operate it independently thereafter. He was noted for shoeing horses and making wheel rims. Cecilia died on 18 Oct 1918 in Coldwater Ohio and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery Coldwater Ohio. He married Josephine Stegeman on 16 Aug 1922 in Coldwater. She was the daughter of George Stegeman and Elizabeth Nieberding Steggeman Woeste. Josephine died on 10 Nov 1934 and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Jacob died on 13 Dec 1959 and is likewise buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Children of Jacob[4] and Cecilia (Bertke) Bernard:

+ 132 i. ALFRED FRANK. b. 08 July 1905. m. Edna Catherine Grothaus. three children.

+ 133 ii. FREDERICK ADOLPH (Twin). b. 04 Jan 1907. m. Jean Martha Maskell. two children.

134 iii. FERDINAND R (Twin). b. 04 Jan 1907 Coldwater Ohio. m. 05 Jun 1937 Minnie C. Pantano Detroit MI. r. Detroit. occ. printer. d. 02 Jun 1978 Detroit. bd. White Chapel Cem Detroit.

135 iv. CECILIA. b. 17 Dec 1908 Coldwater Ohio. d. 17 Jun 1911 Coldwater. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater.

136 v. JOHN. b./d. 14 Nov 1912 Coldwater Ohio. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater.

Children of Jacob4 and Josephine (Stegeman) Bernard:

137 vi. JAMES (Twin). b.d. 03 July 1923 Coldwater Ohio. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater.

+ 138 vii. RITA CATHERINE (Twin). b. 03 July 1923 Coldwater Ohio. m. Leander Fortkamp. eight children.

+ 139 viii. ALMA ODEALIA. b. 29 Jan 1925. m. Richard Overman (#459). one child.

Bernard Brothers Blacksmith Shop (1904-1910)
Frank and Jacob Bernard. Coldwater, Ohio

47. Henry[4] John Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 21 Oct 1882 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. He married Matilda Catherine Romer (b. 11 Sep 1889 St. Henry Ohio) in St. Henry Church on 20 July 1910. She was the daughter of Henry Romer and Rebecca Beckman and attended Mt. Notre Dame in Reading Ohio. Henry attended St. Joseph's College in Indiana and Miami University in Ohio. He received his teaching certificate and outstanding citations in the area of mathematics. In 1914 he became the first assistant superintendent of Mercer County . He also served for a time as one of the directors of the St. Henry Bank. Their prominent and historic residence in St. Henry was across the street from the St. Henry Church. Both were active in civic and church organizations and activities. Henry also served as organist at the church. Matilda died 10 Nov 1964 in Coldwater Ohio. Henry died the following year on 16 Apr 1965 in Dayton Ohio. Both are buried in the St. Henry Cemetery St. Henry.

Children of Henry[4] John and Matilda (Romer) Bernard:

140 i. PAUL FRANCIS. b. 01 Jul 1911 St. Henry Ohio. m. 14 Nov 1942 Ludmilla Tangeman (b. 1905 Maria Stein Ohio) Coldwater Ohio. r. St. Louis MO. occ. chemist. d. 21 February 1994. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem Coldwater.

+ 141 ii. EDWARD HENRY. b. 19 Nov 1912. m. Anna Bernice Frederick. five children.
II. Emma Althoff.

+ 142 iii. RICHARD WILLIAM. b. 06 Oct 1914. m. Fern Olive Hutchins. six children.

+ 143 iv. JOSEPH ROMER. b. 14 Jan 1919. m. Leona Pauline Vagedes. six children.

+ 144 v. MARY CATHERINE. b. 07 Sep 1920. m. William Joseph Faller Jr. nine children.

+ 145 vi. ANNA REBECCA. b. 23 Apr 1924. m. Ferdinand John Kopp Jr. four children.

146 vii. HELEN MARIE (SR. MARY HENRY) (Twin). b. 26 May 1926 St. Henry Ohio. Salutatorian for her high school graduation class of 1944. final vows 19 Aug 1950 in order of Ursulines of Cincinnati. r. Cincinnati. occ. teacher and librarian.

147 viii. MARGARET MARY (SR MARY MATILDA) (Twin). b. 26 May 1926 St. Henry Ohio. Graduate of St. Henry High school final vows Aug 1950 in order of Ursulines of Cincinnati. r. Cincinnati. occ. teacher and librarian.

+ 148 ix. JOHN HENRY. b. 21 Sep 1933 m. Tamara Jones. one child.

Henry J. Bernard Residence
291 E. Main
St. Henry Ohio, circa 1935

The Henry J. Bernard Family, circa 1929
Left to right; Back row: Henry, Paul, Richard, Edward, Helen (Sr. Mary Henry), Margaret (Sr. Mary Matilda), Joseph, Mary, Matilda.
Front row: Ann. *Note: Photo taken prior to John's birth.*

48. Rose[4] Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 Nov 1884 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. On 29 Apr 1908 she married Edward M. Boehmer in St. Rose Church located there. He was the son of Adam Boehmer (1858 - 1946) and Mary K (1863 - 1946). They lived near Cranberry Prairie and moved to Celina abt 1918 later moving to Dayton Ohio where Edward worked as a policeman. Rose was a homemaker. She died 19 Jan 1947 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery at Dayton. On 09 Apr 1948 Edward married Catherine Dick and continued to live in Dayton until his death on 20 July 1963. He is likewise buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Children of Rose[4] Bernard and Edward Boehmer:

149 i. VIOLA M. b. 02 Apr 1909 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. r. Dayton Ohio. occ. stenographer /Police Dept. d. 27 May 1943 Dayton. bd. Calvary Cem Dayton.

+ 150 ii. NORBERT F. b. 23 Jan 1911. m. Dorothy E. Champion. two children.

151 iii. ESTHER C. b. 21 July 1913 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. m. 19 Aug 1940 William E. Roth (1914 - 1970) Dayton Ohio. r. Dayton. occ. nurse.

152 iv. LUELLA B. b. 22 Sep 1916 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. m. 23 Oct 1937 Herman S. Ralph (b. 07 Feb 1915 Washington Ct. Hs. Ohio) Dayton Ohio. r. Dayton. occ. Office work at McCall's Magazine.

+ 153 v. ROMILDA E. b. 04 Jun 1918 Celina Ohio. m George Segerer. two children.

154 vi. HAROLD H. b. 19 May 1920 Celina Ohio. m. 21 Nov 1942 Cora M. Lindsey (b. 23 Jul 1918 Phenix VA) Dayton Ohio. r. Dayton Sun City Florida. occ. engineer. d. 17 May 1992 Sun City. bd. Calvary Cem. Dayton.

The Bernard Sisters, circa 1901
Left to right: Kathryn (Brockman), Bernadine (Boehmer), Rose (Boehmer).

Kathryn Bernard (1887-1963)

49. Kathryn[4] Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*)was born 07 Mar 1887 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. She went to Dayton abt 1903 and worked as a servant there, meeting her future husband. On 20 Sep 1910 she married Peter Aloysius Brockman (b. 22 Sep 1888 Coldwater Ohio) son of John Brockman and Christine Heyne in St. Henry Church St. Henry Ohio. They continued living in Dayton Ohio but later moved to Miamisburg. Peter was a laborer at the Mutual Furniture Company and Kathryn was a homemaker. Kathryn died on 07 Feb 1963 in Dayton Ohio and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Miamisburg. Peter died on 25 Mar 1973 in Miamisburg and is also buried in the Catholic Cemetery there.

Children of Kathryn[4] Bernard and Peter Brockman:

+ 155 i. MARGARET DOROTHY. b. 30 Jun 1911. m. Eugene Schroeder. one child.

+ 156 ii. HUGO EDWARD. b. 28 Nov 1912. m. Betty Johns. one child.

+ 157 iii. URBAN FRANK. b. 28 Feb 1914. m. Mary E. Courtney. five children.

+ 158 iv. MILDRED MARIE. b. 18 Nov 1915. m. Robert Morris. one child. II. Carl Early.

+ 159 v. ELMER MICHAEL. b. 23 Jun 1917. m. Nellie Dickey. two children.

+ 160 vi. MARCELLA ELIZABETH. b. 23 Dec 1918. m. Anthony Clark. four children.

161 vii. RALPH RAYMOND. b. 25 Apr 1921 Miamisburg Ohio. d. 06 Dec 1926 Miamisburg. bd. Catholic Cem. Miamisburg.

162 viii. ROMAN BERNARD. b. 30 Sep 1922 Miamisburg Ohio. d. 16 Dec 1989. bd. Catholic Cem Miamisburg. occ. water company employee.

+ 163 ix. LEWIS JOHN. b. 30 Sep 1925 . m. Bette E. Paddock. four children.

+ 164 x. VICTOR MATHAIS. b. 26 Feb 1928. m. Shirley A. Ball. four children.

50. Bernadine[4] Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio on 30 Dec 1889. On 04 Aug 1909 she married Michael Boehmer (b. 31 Aug 1884 Cassella Ohio) in St. Rose Church. They lived in Cassella, Coldwater, Celina, and later moved to Dayton Ohio. Michael was a carpenter by profession and became construction superintendent for the Danis Construction Company. Bernardine was a homemaker. She died in Dayton Ohio on 08 December 1948 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery Dayton Ohio. Michael died on 27 January 1968 in Dayton Ohio and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there.

Children of Bernadine[4] Bernard and Michael Boehmer:

165	i.	CYRIL. b. 05 Sep 1910 Coldwater Ohio. d. Nov. 1911. Coldwater. bd. St. Elizabeth Cem. Coldwater .
+ 166	ii.	JEROME FRANK. b. 13 Mar 1912 . m. Helen Hilger. three children.
+ 167	iii.	LOUIS PAUL. b. 17 Nov 1913. m. Marie Geier. three children.
+ 168	iv.	EDWARD FREDERICK. b. 29 January 1917. m. Virginia Ernst. two children.

56. Lawrence[4] Frank Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 24 Mar 1900 in Marion Township (St. Rose) Ohio. Upon moving to Dayton from Mercer County, he married Margaret Frances Weinert (b. 10 Aug 1908 Dayton Ohio) on 15 October 1929 in Dayton Ohio. He was an employee of the Green Biscuit Company. Lawrence died 03 Feb 1973 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there. Margaret died 05 Aug 1980 in Dayton and is likewise buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Children of Lawrence[4] Frank and Margaret Frances (Weinert) Bernard:

+ 169 i. LAWRENCE JEROME. b. 13 Aug 1931. m. Carol F. Wagner. six children.

+ 170 ii. JOANNE LOUISE. b. 03 Jun 1934. m. Donald A. Oldiges. four children.

+ 171 iii. BARBARA ELAINE. b. 20 Apr 1936. m. Dale McIlvaine. one child.

+ 172 iv. ROBERT JOSEPH. b. 19 Mar 1940. m. Linda L. Brockman. one child.

173 v. THOMAS EDWARD. b. 09 Feb. 1943. m. Geraldine Callahan.

57. Raymond[4] Jacob Bernard (*Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 02 July 1901 in Marion Township (St.Rose) Ohio. He moved with his family to St. Henry in 1909 and attended school there. After World War I he moved to Dayton Ohio where he met his future wife. On 02 July 1930 he married Mildred Lucile Smith (b. 10 June 1908 Blanchester Ohio) daughter of Merit Smith (b. 1885) and Frances F. Imsike (b. 1887) in St. James Church Dayton. He worked at the Green and Green Biscuit Company which later became the Sunshine Biscuit Company for twenty-nine years. He later moved to Kalamazoo Michigan where he was a business merchant there and operated the Blue Dot Restaurant in Dowling MI. He also worked as a carpenter. Since retirement he was involved with the local Senior Citizens and began painting as a hobby. He also compiled an extensive history of his family. Raymond died on 17 May 1993 and was buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Portage MI. Mildred died shortly thereafter on 30 October 1993 and is buried beside Raymond.

Children of Raymond[4] Jacob and Mildred L. (Smith) Bernard:

+ 174 i. EILEEN MARGARET. b. 14 Jun 1931. m. Donald K. Koole.* six children. II. Quentin A. Meyers. four children.

+ 175 ii. JEROME JOSEPH. b. 16 Feb 1933. m. Eleanor M. Woods. five children.

+ 176 iii. NORMA JEAN. b. 22 Dec 1935. m. Robert J. Bonhomme. four children.

58. Henry[4] Rolfes (*Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 Jan 1866 in Marion Township near Maria Stein Ohio. He married Elizabeth Vehorn (b. 01 Aug 1867[15] Maria Stein) daughter of Bernard Vehorn and Elizabeth Bertke at St. John Church on 10 October 1888. He was a farmer. Elizabeth died on 06 Oct 1909 in Maria Stein and is buried in St. John Cemetery there. Henry lived until 06 Mar 1947. He is likewise buried in St. John Cemetery there.

Children of Henry[4] and Elizabeth (Vehorn) Rolfes:

+ 177 i. ROSINA MAGDALENA. b. 12 April 1890. m. Louis J. Overman. nine children.

+ 178 ii. FRANCIS FERDINAND (aka FERD). b. 12 Aug 1892. m. Margaret Overman. two children.

179 iii. ANNA JOANNA ELIZABETH. b. 19 Nov 1894. Maria Stein Ohio. d. 23 Jan 1901. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

+ 180 iv. LEONA MARIA REGINA (aka REGINA). b. 02 Feb 1897 . m. Joseph B. Puthoff. eight children.

+ 181 v. LEO EDWIN. b. 15 May 1899. m. Anna (Corrine) Bergman. four children.

+ 182 vi. CATHERINE HILDA (aka HILDA). b. 10 Jan 1903. m. Robert Thobe. two children.

+ 183 vii. ESTELLA CHRISTINE. b. 25 Mar 1906. m. Lawrence Wissman. three children. Urban Liesner.

[15] Taken from census data of 1900. Differs from date on memorial card.

Henry and Elizabeth (Vehorn) Rolfes Wedding
10 October 1888. Photograph taken by Conley Bros. Celina Ohio

Estella Rolfes Leisner

60. Francis[4] Rolfes (*Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 Nov 1868 in Marion Township near Maria Stein Ohio. He married Elizabeth Schmitt (b. 29 Aug 1873) in St. John Church Maria Stein. She was the daughter of Bernard Schmitt and Elizabeth Kremer. He worked as a farmer in the immediate area. He died 11 Jul 1909 in Maria Stein and is buried in St. John Cemetery. Elizabeth later moved to Dayton Ohio where she died on 19 Dec 1941. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery there.

Children of Francis[4] and Elizabeth (Schmitt) Rolfes:

184 i. JOSEPH BERNARD. b. 25 Dec 1892 Maria Stein Ohio. r. Dayton Ohio. d. 07 Sep 1979 Dayton. bd. Miami Memorial Park Cem. Dayton.

+ 185 ii. JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH. b. 06 July 1896 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Frank Bruening. two children.

+ 186 iii. ISABELLE. b. 23 Feb 1900 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Alfred Wagner. four children.

+ 187 iv. ALFRED ANTON (aka ALBERT). b. 21 Apr 1904 Maria Stein Ohio. m. Lietta Knob. two children.

+ 188 v. JOSEPH CLARENCE. b. 09 Oct 1907. m. Julia Burke. two children.

61. Maria Elizabeth[4] Rolfes (aka Elizabeth) (*Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 10 Feb 1870 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 04 Jun 1890 she married John Vehorn (b. 24 Oct 1865 Maria Stein) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He was the son of Bernard Vehorn and Elizabeth Bertke. They resided in Marion Township where he was a farmer and she a homemaker. John died 27 Oct 1919 and is buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein. Maria Elizabeth died 15 May 1939 and is also buried at St. John Cemetery beside her husband.

Children of Maria Elizabeth[4] Rolfes and John Vehorn:

+ 189 i. JOHN BERNARD (aka BEN). b. 10 Jul 1892. m. Cecilia Heitkamp. eleven children.

+ 190 ii. CATHERINA ELEANORA. b. 12 Jan 1897. m. John D. Huelskamp. two children.

+ 191 iii. EDWARD FRANCIS CHRISTIAN (aka ED). b. 07 Jan 1903. m. Ruth I. Grieshop. four children.

62. Maria Bernadina[4]Rolfes (aka Bernadina) (*Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Mar 1871 in Maria Stein Ohio. She married Bernard Vehorn on 22 Oct 1890 in St. John Church in Maria Stein. He was the son of Clement Vehorn and Elizabeth Vonderhaar. His untimely death on 07 July 1892 left Bernardina a widow with one son. Bernard was buried in St. John Cem in Maria Stein. She married again to Joseph Anton Brunswick on 04 April 1894. He was the son of Andreas Brunswick who was an immigrant of Schapen Hanover Germany and Philomena Olendick. From Maria Stein Bernadina and Joseph moved to Chickasaw Ohio where she lived the remainder of her life being a homemaker. Joseph was a farmer. After the birth of her eighth child Raymond, Bernadina died from complications on 27 Dec 1905. Being a member of Precious Blood Parish in Chickasaw she was buried in the church cemetery there. Her husband Joseph later married Elizabeth Droesch (1879 - 1959) on 15 Sep 1925. They moved to St. Wendelin and continued farming there. He died on 30 Sep 1940 and is buried in the church cemetery at St. Wendelin.

Children of Maria Bernadina[4] Rolfes and Bernard Vehorn:

192 i. JOSEPH CLEMENS (aka CHARLES). b. 25 Aug 1891 Maria Stein Ohio. r. Dayton Ohio and Chicago IL.

Children of Maria Bernadina[4] Rolfes and Joseph Andreas Brunswick:

+ 193 ii. JULIUS ANDREAS (aka JULE). b. 17 Feb 1895. m. Matilda Timmerman. four children.

+ 194 iii. HENRY LAWRENCE BRUNSWICK (aka LAWRENCE). b. 15 Oct 1896. m. Justina Braun. eleven children.

+ 195 iv. CLEMENS EDWIN (aka ED) . b. 06 Aug 1898. m. Kaye Jacoby. two children.

+ 196 v. FRANCIS JOSEPH LEO (aka FRANK) b. 29 Jan 1900. m. Iola Zahn. six children.

+ 197 vi. FERDINAND HENRY JOSEPH (aka FERD). b. 03 Nov 1901. m. Theresa Guggenbiller. six children.

198 vii. MARIA ELIZABETH. b. 06 Aug 1903 in Maria Stein Ohio. d. 27 Nov 1906 in Chickasaw Ohio. bd. Precious Blood Cem Chickasaw.

+ 199 viii. RAYMOND ANTHONY. b. 12 Dec 1905. m. Elizabeth A. Geier. four children.

70. Barbara[4] Bernard (*Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born in Cincinnati Ohio on 01 Aug 1892. Abt 1911 she married Bernard Weckenbrock (b. 1891) who was the son of Bernard Weckenbrock (1845 - 1924) and Anna Pillen (1853 - 1922). They purchased the home of her parents at 2487 Warsaw Ave where they resided the rest of their lives. Barbara was a homemaker and Bernard was an operator of a trucking company. Bernard died 02 May 1961 in Cincinnati and is buried in Old St. Joseph Cemetery Cincinnati. Barbara died on 05 Nov 1970. Her funeral was held at St. Lawrence Church and she was buried in Old St. Joseph Cemetery Cincinnati.

Children of Barbara[4] Bernard and Bernard Weckenbrock:

+ 200 i. ELIZABETH BERNADINE. b. 05 June 1912. m. Albert Riehs. one child.

+ 201 ii. FLORENCE MARIE. b. 04 Jan 1914. m. Clarence Kleeman. one child.

202 iii. ANNA HELEN. b. 26 June 1917 Cincinnati Ohio. d. 14 Aug 1917. Cincinnati Ohio. bd. Old St. Joseph Cem. Cincinnati.

Barbara Bernard Weckenbrock (1882-1970)
Photographed by Newport, Cincinnati, Ohio

71. William[4] A. (Bernard) Washburn (*Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Sep 1894 in Cincinnati Ohio. Because of the remarriage of his mother, his name was officially changed from Bernard to Washburn. He married Anna Woestman (b. abt 1897) and they resided at 1227 Gilsey St. in Cincinnati. She was the daughter of George Woestman and Anna Flannery. He served in World War I as a Private First Class. After the war William worked as a bellman in the Sinton Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. His early and unexpected death from drowning in the Ohio River occurred 05 June 1930. He is buried in New St. Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati.

The child of William[4] A. and Anna (Woestman) Washburn:

203 i. JUNE ANNA. b. 26 Jun 1920 Cinti Ohio. bp. 04 Jul 1920 St. Lawrence Church Cinti Ohio. No additional information available.

72. John[4] Theodore (Bernard) Washburn (*Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Nov 1896 in Cincinnati Ohio. Because his mother remarried his name was changed from Bernard to Washburn. On 20 Jun 1920 he married Estelle F. Faul (b. 14 Oct 1899 Wilkes-Barre PA) in Cincinnati Ohio. She was the daughter of Theodore and Margaret Faul. They resided at 2817 Sidney Ave and he served as a superintendent at the Abbott Linen Supply Company. Estelle was a homemaker and also a laborer at a laundry supply company. John died on 10 Feb 1944 and is buried in the Vine Street Cemetery in Cincinnati. Estelle died 22 Mar 1980 and is also buried at the Vine Street Cemetery in Cincinnati.

Children of John[4] Theodore and Estelle F. (Faul) Washburn:

+ 204 i. JOHN FRANK (aka JACK). b. 08 Mar 1922. m. Edith P. Thomas. four children.

+ 205 ii. HELEN VIRGINIA. b.12 Oct 1923. m.George Tonnis. three children.

73. Joseph[4] Herman Bernard (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 22 Nov 1882 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 18 July 1906 he married Agatha Heckman (b. 06 Jan 1885 Philothea Ohio) in St. John Church Maria Stein. She was the daughter of Frederick Heckman and Sophia Rutschilling. They resided in Maria Stein and Joseph was a bricklayer and later a contractor. Agatha was a homemaker. She died 03 Apr 1947 in Maria Stein and is buried in St. John Cemetery there. On 21 Nov 1951 Joseph married Dora Niemeyer (b. 10 Jan 1899 Minster Ohio) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zircher. They moved to Minster. Joseph died on 29 Sep 1976 in Minster but was buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein R. 05 Gr. 27.

Children of Joseph Herman and Agatha (Heckman) Bernard:

206 i. PRISCILLA MARIA JOSEPHINA. b. 04 July 1907 Maria Stein Ohio. r. Dayton Ohio and Maria Stein. occ. nurse. d. 03 Jan 1966 Maria Stein. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

207 ii. DULA GERTRUDE AGATHA. b. 11 Oct 1908 Maria Stein Ohio. r. Dayton Ohio. occ. Housekeeper for clergy. d. 29 Apr 1991 Dayton. bd. St. John Cem Maria Stein.

208 iii. COLETTE MARIA. b. 21 Jun 1911 Maria Stein Ohio. m. 14 Sep 1959 Fred Wimmers Troy Ohio. r. Celina Ohio. occ. bookkeeper and auditor for county. d. 28 Jul 1986. bd. St. Marys Cem. Celina Ohio.

209 iv. LYDIA REGINA. b. 10 Aug 1913 Maria Stein Ohio. m. 06 Nov 1950 Warren P Sadler Sioux City IA r. Sioux City . occ. secretary/homemaker.

+ 210 v. MARIA RUTH. b. 19 Aug 1916. m. Leo Henry Wendeln. three children.

+ 211 vi. CYRIL AUGUST. b. 14 July 1921. m. Alvina T. Leugers. four children.

+ 212 vii. SOPHIA MATILDA . b. 03 Jun 1924. m. William A.Ridenour. five children.

74. August[4] Henry Bernard[16] (aka Gust) (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 26 Aug 1884 in Maria Stein Ohio. He graduated from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer IN and received a teaching teaching certificate by the age of eighteen. He married Regina Weber (b. 19 Feb 1885 Maria Stein) on 18 July 1906. She was the daughter of Anton Weber and Johanna Stucke. He taught in the public schools for ten years in Marion Township, St. Henry and in Coldwater where he served as superintendent for four years. He later joined the New Idea Spreader Company in Coldwater as accountant and credit manager. Additionally he sold pianos for the Baldwin Company. For twelve years he served on the board of education and was also mayor of Coldwater. He was active in other civic and religious organizations especially the Catholic Knights of America as state president and the Knights of Columbus. Regina died on 18 Sep 1942 in Coldwater and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery there. August died following a heart attack on 23 Aug 1951 at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton Ohio. He is likewise buried at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Four Generations of The Bernard Family
Taken 03 May 1941
Left to right: August H. Joseph Sr., Walter R. (Terry), Walter R. Bernard

16 Baptismal record at St. Johns records given name as Henry August Bernard.

Children of August[4] Henry and Regina (Weber) Bernard:

+ 213 i. WALTER ROMAN. b. 01 Aug 1908. m. Aileen Courtney. three children.

+ 214 ii. WILBUR VINCENT. b. 19 Aug 1912. m. Lotte Moyer. three children. II. Irene La France.

+ 215 iii. MARY JOHANNA (aka JANE). b. 28 Apr 1917. m. Paul Weekley. three children.

+ 216 iv. JAMES AUGUST. b. 26 Aug 1923. m. Patricia Zugger. ten children.

77. John[4] Anton Bernard (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 Jul 1891 in Maria Stein Ohio. He received his teaching certificate from St. Joseph College and taught school in both St. Henry and Coldwater before attending the University of Cincinnati where he received his medical degree. He practiced medicine in Cincinnati and was a student of philosophy especially evolution. On 12 July 1925 he married Elizabeth (Bess) Wehrle (b. 05 May 1892 Bellevue KY) in Assumption Church Cincinnati Ohio. She was the daughter of Henry Wehrle and Mary Losekamp. In 1943 he married Augusta Matacia. This marriage was short lived and in 1951 he married Mary Anderson. John died 03 Jun 1970 and is buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Cincinnati. Elizabeth died 29 July 1984 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. Mary is retired and resides in Bellevue KY..

Children of John[4] Anton and Elizabeth (Wehrle) Bernard:

217 i. BETTY ANN. b. 22 Oct 1927 Cinti Ohio. r. Cinti Ohio. occ. chemist. d. 23 Feb 1993 Cinti. bd. Spring Grove Cem Cinti Ohio.

218 ii. JEANNE ELIZABETH. b. 19 Sep 1929 Cinti Ohio. r. Cinti Ohio. occ. accountant.

80. Henrietta Elizabeth[4] Bernard (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Oct 1898 in Maria Stein Ohio. She worked for the Wendell family in Maria Stein before she married. On 10 Apr 1918 she married Frank John Hoying (b. 01 Jan 1893 St. Patrick Ohio). He was the son of Joseph Hoying (1866-1890) and Rosalia Puthoff (1871 - 1936). Prior to their marriage Frank acquired a farm near St. Patrick Ohio which he farmed. Elizabeth was active in both civic and religious organizations especially the Shrine of the Holy Relics at Maria Stein. Upon retirement they built a home in Minster where they spent their remaining lives. Frank died 30 Nov 1967 in Minster Ohio and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery there. Elizabeth continued to live in Minster until her death on 14 Feb 1980 in Minster. She is also buried in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Children of Henrietta Elizabeth[4] Bernard and Frank Hoying:

219 i. ANDREW JOSEPH. (REV). b. 03 Jan 1919 St. Patrick Ohio. Ent St. Gregory Sem and ord 18 Dec 1943. Served as pst at Mother of Sorrows Church Roselawn and at St. Luke Church Beavercreek, and chp at Good Samaritan Hospital Cinti Ohio. d. 21 Jan 1976 Minster Ohio. bd. St. Augustine Cem Minster.

+ 220 ii. LEONARD ROMAN. b. 27 Aug 1921. m. Rosalie Thompson. nine children.

+ 221 iii. MILDRED MARIE. b. 18 May 1922. m. George Schroer. four children.

222 iv. EDNA ROSE (SR. FRANCIS). b. 17 Sep 1923. Moved to Dayton Ohio and worked as secretary at Wright Patterson. Ent convent in 1942. Took final vows in 1944. Taught school throughout Cinti, MI, NM. Graduate degree from St. Louis Univ. r. Cincinnati.

+ 223 v. ETHEL MARIAN. b. 20 Dec 1924. m. Edward L. Braunlin. five children.

+ 224 vi. IRENE CORINNE. b. 27 Jul 1926. m. John J. O'Connor. six children.

+ 225 vii. IVO FRANCIS. b. 13 Mar 1928. m. Georgiana F. Larger. five children.

226 viii. DONALD PAUL. b. 05 Jan 1930. d. 04 Jul 1930. bd. St. Patrick Cem.

+ 227 ix. BETTY RUTH. b. 28 Nov 1932. m. Leroy P. Huelskamp. eight children.

+ 228 x. FRANCIS EUGENE. b. 04 Apr 1936. m. Leola J. Myers. five children.

+ 229 xi. CARL PAUL. b. 05 Jan 1938. m. Mary E. Kelly. six children.

81. Regina^4 Bernadine Bernard (*Joseph,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon ^{1}*) was born 08 Jul 1902 in Maria Stein Ohio. She married William Henry Hoying (b. 19 Nov 1894 St. Patrick Ohio) on 07 Jun 1921. He was the son of Joseph Hoying (1866 - 1890) and Rosalia B. Puthoff (1871 - 1936). Regina was a homemaker and William a farmer. Together they owned their farm in St. Patrick. William was active in civic and church organizations including the local Board of Education. Upon retirement they moved to Minster, Ohio. On 07 Jun 1981 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. William died in Minster on 27 Jan 1982 and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery, Minster. His funeral was officiated by Archbishop Elko along with 35 other priests. Regina died 06 Sep 1992 and is likewise buried in the parish cemetery in Minster.

Children of Regina[4] Bernadine Bernard and William H. Hoying:

+ 230 i. CLARENCE JOSEPH b. 27 Mar 1922. m. Betty Gran. three children.

+ 231 ii. ROSEMARY KATHRYN. b. 19 Oct 1923. m. Roman Saalman. seven children.

+ 232 iii. CATHERINE ELIZABETH. b. 16 Feb 1925. m. James Abele. eight children.

+ 233 iv. ALVIN JOSEPH. b. 17 Feb 1928. m. Joan Wilkens. three children.

234 v. LEO AUGUST. (REV). b. 10 Jul 1930. ord. 26 May 1956 Cinti Ohio. Served as priest/pastor in churches in Cinti, Norwood, Springfield, St. Marys, Russia. r. Russia Ohio.

+ 235 vi. EDWARD JOHN. b. 25 Nov 1931. m. Pat Weaver. three children.

+ 236 vii. VERONICA ANN. b. 09 Oct 1935. m. Paul Perin. four children.

+ 237 viii. CYRIL WILLIAM. b. 08 Sep 1937. m. Bonnie L. Berwager. four children.

+ 238 ix. MARGIE ROSE. b. 16 Jan 1942. m. Ted Thieman*. four children.

+ 239 x. JOAN SUSAN. b. 12 Feb 1945. m. Lester Prenger. three children.

82. Estelle[4] Bernard (*John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 29 Jun 1887 in Chattanooga Ohio. She attended high school receiving her teaching certificate and taught in Cranberry Prairie and Coldwater. She married August F. Hamburger in Coldwater Ohio. He was the son of John E. and Catherine Hamburger. They moved to Andrews, South Carolina circa 1923 and farmed approximately 100 acres raising vegetables and livestock. She died 28 Apr 1968 in Columbia SC and is buried in St. Peters Cemetery.

Children of Estelle[4] Bernard and August F. Hamburger:

240 i. WILFRED. b. abt 1910 Celina Ohio. d. abt 1913. Ohio.

+ 241 ii. CARL LEO. b. 15 Mar 1915 Celina Ohio. m. Eleanor Watson. eight children.

242 iii. DONALD CLARENCE (REV). b. 28 Jun 1918 Celina Ohio. ord. 14 Jul 1956 Mt. St. Marys Sem Cinti Ohio. Served as pst at Camden, Lexington, Greenwood and Charleston, Beaufort and Conway SC. r. Columbia SC.

+ 243 iv. PAUL ROMAN. b. 30 Oct 1920 Celina Ohio. m. Eolene Bradford. five children.

85. Eulalia[4] Elizabeth Bernard (aka Peg) (*John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Nov 1896 in Chattanooga Ohio. She married Robert Henry Giere (b. 19 Aug 1892 Chickasaw Ohio) on 04 May 1921 in Coldwater Ohio. They resided in Coldwater and Eulalia was a homemaker and worked as a milliner and seamstress. Robert died on 29 Sep 1968 in Coldwater and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery there. Eulalia continued to live in Coldwater until her death on 26 Jan 1975. She is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Children of Eulalia[4] Elizabeth Bernard and Robert H. Giere:

+ 244 i. MARIAN FRANCES. b. 28 Mar 1922. m. H. Thomas Brown. six children.

+ 245 ii. HELEN MARY. b. 04 Jun 1924. m. Jay Carrith Dotson. five children.

+ 246 iii. ELIZABETH ANN. b. 17 May 1927. m. Dane L. Brookhart. (1927 - 1993) eight children.

87. Clarence[4] Frederick Bernard (aka Newsy) *(John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1])* was born 14 May 1900 in Coldwater Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy and later worked as a toolmaker and machinist at Goodyear Rubber Company in St. Marys. Abt 1920 he married Edith Hainline (b. 11 Oct 1904 St. Marys). She was the daughter of Charles and Louisa C. (Burkhart) (1880 - 1939) Hainline. They resided in St. Marys Ohio. Clarence was a drummer in a five piece dance band and played extensively in the region. Edith died on 24 Mar 1967 in St. Marys and is buried in Gethsemane Cemetery in St. Marys. Clarence died on 04 Apr 1968 and is also buried in Gethsemane Cemetery there.

Child of Clarence[4] Frederick and Edith (Hainline) Bernard:

+ 247 i. CHARLES FREDERICK. b. 30 Jun 1923. m. Mary Ann Wehrkamp. two children.

90. George[4] Bernard (*Louis,[3]Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*)was born 22 Jun 1887 in Cranberry Prairie Ohio. He married Gertrude H. Fischer (b. 05 May 1899 Minster Ohio) on 22 Oct 1925 in St. Augustine Church Minster. She was the daughter of Henry Fischer and Mary Berning. Witnesses were William Bernard and Florence Fischer. George was an electrician with the Beckman and Gast Canning Company and resided in St. Henry Ohio. He was accidentally electrocuted at his place of employment on 26 Aug. 1939. Gertrude and her family returned to her home in Minster and resided with her brothers until her death on 31 Jan 1977 in St. Marys Ohio. Both are buried in St. Henry Cemetery St. Henry Ohio.

Children of George[4] and Gertrude (Fischer) Bernard:

+ 248 i. STANLEY EMERSON. b. 09 May 1926. m. Adelle M. Meyer. three children.

+ 249 ii. MERLIN JOSEPH. b. 30 May 1929. m. Mary E. Gaier. three children.

+ 250 iii. MARY LARUE. b. 05 Jun 1933. m. Leo R. Buehler. six children.

91. Frank[4] Bernard (*Louis,[3]Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 18 Jun 1888 Cranberry Prairie Ohio. On 16 Oct 1912 he married Adeline Catherine Henry (b. 30 Jan 1892 Willowdell Ohio) in Old St. Louis Church Delvin Ohio. She was the daughter of John E. Henry and Elmira (Molly) Barga. He was a farmer but during World War II worked at Wagner Manufacturing Company in Sidney Ohio. After being seriously injured at his work, Frank and Adeline purchased a farm of 80 acres west of Sidney Ohio circa 1946. He was described as having a quiet and gentle disposition. Shortly after their move, Frank died of a stroke on 03 Jul 1949 and was buried in St. Louis Cemetery near North Star Ohio. Adeline moved to Greenville Ohio and lived there until her death on 25 Dec 1979. She was buried beside her husband in St. Louis Cemetery.

Children of Frank[4] and Adeline (Henry) Bernard:

+ 251 i. CLETUS MARION. b. 02 Sep 1913. m. Regina Dirksen. two children.

+ 252 ii. ARTHUR RAYMOND. b. 05 Apr 1915. m. Margaret Barton. two children.

+ 253 iii. LESTER WILLIAM. b. 25 Jun 1920. m. Sylvia Monnin. five children.

+ 254 iv. LOUIS JOHN. b. 13 Jan 1926. m. Jeanice J. Carr. one child.

92. Mary[4] Magdalene Bernard (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 23 Aug 1889 in Cranberry Prairie Ohio. She married William Frederick Huwer (b. 07 Mar 1888 Cranberry Prairie) on 14 Oct 1914 in St. Francis Church in Cranberry Prairie. He was the son of Jacob Huwer and Margaret Rindler and was known for his strong sense of integrity. William worked in a cafe in St. Marys and in 1918 purchased it with a partner. It was renamed Huwer and Miller Cafe and located at 233 Spring St in St. Marys. He and Mary operated the restaurant there until his death. William died 23 Sep 1950 and is buried in Gethsemane Cemetery St. Marys. After his death Mary learned to drive and with her sister Clara spent many days visiting relatives throughout the area. Mary died on 13 Mar 1971 and is likewise buried in Gethsemane Cemetery in St. Marys.

Children of Mary[4] Magdalene Bernard and William F. Huwer:

+ 255 i. CLARENCE LEON. b. 31 May 1919. m. Sarah L. Banta. six children.

+ 256 ii. RALPH DANIEL. b. 19 Oct 1920. m. Mary Roebuck. four children. II. Ruth Ann Makely.

+ 257 iii. HAROLD WILLIAM. b. 19 Mar 1927. m. Evelyn Williams. two children.

+ 258 iv. CHARLES EDWARD. b. 01 Apr 1928. m. Dorothy Huenke. three children.

93. Anthony[4] William Bernard (aka Tony) (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Mar 1891 in Cranberry Prairie. He married Regina Elizabeth Stammen (b. 30 Mar 1892 Burkettsville Ohio) 18 June 1914. She was the daughter of Peter Stammen and Anna Mestamaker. Tony and Regina initially lived on a farm near Cranberry Prairie but moved to St. Henry circa 1916. They lived in various houses on East Main Street : first at 101 E. Main, then 201 E. Main and then to 374 E. Main. Finally they made their permanent home at 321 E. Kremer-Hoying Road. He worked as an insurance salesman and real estate

developer. From 1922 - 1925, he served as mayor of St. Henry and remained active in civic affairs, especially promoting recreational activities. Their daughters, The Bernard Sisters, were noted for their singing and sang over a Columbus Ohio radio station. He died 10 Dec 1959 in St. Henry of a heart attack and is buried in the church cemetery there. Regina continued living in St. Henry and eventually stayed with her children until her death in Rockford Ohio on 11 Nov 1984. She is buried in the St. Henry Cemetery.

The Anthony and Regina (Stammen) Bernard Family
Easter Sunday 1943.
Left to right; Front Row: Joan (Hausfeld), Jane (Uhlenhake).
Middle row: Urban, Anthony, Regina, Margaret (Wolf), Ann (Brunswick).
Back row: James, Wilma (Gels), Ella (Gaier), Elmer, Florence (Ferris), Ruth (Seitz). Photograph by Sylvester Hoyng.

Children of Anthony[4] William and Regina (Stammen) Bernard:

259 i. URBAN LOUIS (aka KATY). b. 19 Apr 1915 Cranberry Prairie. m. Lillian Stukenborg . b. 26 Apr 1918 Coldwater Ohio. d. 04 Jan 1973 Coldwater. p. Bernard/Rosalia Stukenborg. occ: organist. r. R.R. Coldwater/Sidney Ohio. occ: farmer and owner/ operator of a sugar cane mill at 4151 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road.

+ 260 ii. ELLA MAE. b. 20 Apr 1917 . m. Sylvester J. Hoyng II. Henry Bruns. one child. III. Anthony Gaier .

+ 261 iii. WILMA ROSE. b. 28 Mar 1919. m. Arthur J. Gels. four children.

+ 262 iv. RUTH MARYANN. b. 20 Oct 1920. m. Robert A. Seitz. seven children.

263 v. JAMES ANTHONY. b. 10 Sep 1922. St. Henry Ohio. occ. soldier. d. 17 Jul 1943 Ft. Knox KY. bd. St. Henry Cemetery St. Henry .

+ 264 vi. ELMER JOHN. b. 14 Dec 1924. m. Mary L. Harner. four children.

+ 265 vii. FLORENCE MARY. b. 09 Jan. 19~~26~~27. m. William J. Ferris. eight children.

+ 266 viii. MARGARET MARY. (Twin) (aka PEG). b. 10 Jan 1929. m. William N. Wolf. nine children.

267 ix. MARY MARGARET. (Twin). b./ d. 10 Jan 1929. bd. St. Henry Cemetery St. Henry.

+ 268 x. ANN LAVON. b. 29 Jun 1930. m. Louis R. Brunswick. seven children.

+ 269 xi. JOAN MAE. b. 17 Aug 1932. m. Gregor A. Hausfeld. five children.

+ 270 xii. JANE KATHRYN. b. 28 Nov 1934. m. Walter J. Uhlenhake. four children.

95. Clara[4] Elizabeth Bernard (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 05 Nov 1894 in Cranberry Prairie Ohio. On 11 Jan 1916 she married Albert Joseph Schwieterman (b. 27 Sep 1886 St. Sebastian Ohio). He was the son of John Schwieterman (b. abt 1850-Hanover) and Mary Froning (b. abt 1856 - Prussia) They lived near Montezuma until a fire totally destroyed their home and some contents. Thereafter, in 1928, they moved to St. Marys Ohio where they engaged in farming. Clara was unique for the combination of her skills in farming, in woodwork, as well as well as homemaking. She played the guitar and wrote songs for family members, loved fishing, and closely followed the Cincinnati Reds. Albert died on 01 June 1954 in St. Marys and is buried in Gethsemane Cemetery there. Clara continued to maintain and live on the family farm. After Albert's death she and her sister Mary frequently visited relatives throughout the area on Sunday afternoons. When diabetes incapacitated her, Clara lived with various children until her death in St. Marys on 05 May 1969. She was buried beside Albert in Gethsemane Cemetery in St. Marys.

Children of Clara[4] Elizabeth Bernard and Albert J. Schwieterman:

+ 271 i. BEULAH MARIE. b. 29 Jan 1917. m. Ernest I. Nolan Jr. two children.

+ 272 ii. LOWELL JULIUS. b. 25 May 1919. m. Jean E. Hunter. one child.

+ 273 iii. NORMA PAULINE. b. 06 Mar 1922. m. John A. Zink. four children.

+ 274 iv. LLOYD BERNARD. b. 27 May 19~~24~~26. m. Lois C. Harris. four children.

96. William[4] Anthony Bernard (aka Bill) (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 06 August 1896 at Cranberry Prairie Ohio. He served as drummer in the family orchestra. After briefly working at NCR in Dayton Ohio he returned to St. Henry Ohio. On August 11 1926 he married Ada Ermalinda Ahlers (b. 31 Dec 1897 St. Henry). She is the daughter of Henry J. Ahlers (1855 - 1931) and Katherina Duesman (1855 - 1917). They reside at 142 East Main Street in St. Henry. William worked at the Landman Milling Company until 1947 and later was engaged in roofing sales and employed with the Ohio Department of Highways. He was active in civic affairs including the Democratic Party and served as Fire Chief from 1946 until 1959 and Police Chief from 1948 until 1954. After his retirement he and Ada have continued to live at the family residence in St. Henry.

Children of William[4] Anthony and Ada E. (Ahlers) Bernard:

+ 275 i. EDNA ROSE. b. 13 Sep 1927. m. John H. Fox. one child.

+ 276 ii. NORMAN GEORGE. b. 18 Oct. 1930. m. Ruth R. Fink. six children.

+ 277 iii. LILLIAN MAE. b.26 Aug 1933. m. Eugene J. Sherman. (1924-1982). one child.

+ 278 iv. ARLENE MARIE. (Twin). b. 19 Jun 1936. m. Maurice J. Brandewie. (1930-1988). five children.

279 v. ARTHUR MARION. (Twin). b. 19 Jun 1936. m. Janet Frances Steinlage (b. 31 Jul 1941 St. Henry Ohio) on 22 Jul 1972. p. Albert Steinlage and Cecilia Bergman (1916 -1960). r. 111 E. Main Str St. Henry. occ. Police Chief for village. Active in civic activities. occ of Janet. secretary for Reynolds Inc.

280 vi. ALLEN WILLIAM. b. 10 May 1944 St. Henry Ohio. Grad degrees from Ball State Univ (1970) & doctorate from Univ of Cinti. (1974) occ. School Adm (Spec Ed Dir). r. Cincinnati Ohio. Active in community/social and genealogy activities. Collector of rare books, prints, and drawings.

William and Ada Bernard 1989

98. Dorothy[4] Eleanor Bernard (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 21 May 1900 at Cranberry Prairie Ohio. After attending local schools she moved to Dayton Ohio where she worked as a housekeeper. She then moved to CA before 1918. She married Clarence Orley Rush (b. 21 Jun 1905 Washington PA) on 09 Feb 1934 in Yuma AZ. He was the son of William S. Rush. He worked as a mechanical engineer and contractor. During this time their two children were adopted. They lived in Eugene OR and from 1951 to 1962 lived in Anchorage AK. Their final move was to Phoenix AZ where they spent the remainder of their lives. Clarence died 13 Jun 1990 in Phoenix and is entombed in Greenwood Memory Lawn Mausoleum there. Shortly thereafter Dorothy died on 21 Jan 1991 and is entombed beside Clarence.

Children of Dorothy[4] Eleanor Bernard and Clarence O. Rush:

+ 281 i. MARY JO. b. 22 Nov 1938. m. James L. Reese. four children.

+ 282 ii. JANET LOU. b. 23 Sep 1939. m. George Manos.* four children. II. Raymond P. Green. (three children).

99. Edward[4] Lewis Bernard (*Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 Jun 1902 at Cranberry Prairie Ohio. He married Augusta (Sally) Elizabeth Heckler (b.16 Feb 1900 Coldwater Ohio) on 31 Aug 1926. She was the daughter of John Heckler and Mary Sannig. He was active in Democratic politics and served as sheriff of Mercer County from 1931 until 1935. He then moved to Columbus Ohio where he continued to work in the Department of Corrections. Sally worked as a salesclerk. He later was appointed superintendent to a corrections facility near College Corner Ohio. Upon retirement they briefly moved to Florida . Edward died 21 Sep 1966 in a hospital at Ft. Wayne Indiana and is buried in St. Henry Cemetery St. Henry Ohio. Sally moved to Celina Ohio until her death on 02 Apr 1982. She is buried beside Edward in St. Henry.

Children of Edward[4] Lewis and Augusta E. (Heckler) Bernard:

+ 283 i. DONALD FRANCIS. b. 01 Jun 1928. m. Jacqueline Baker. four children.

+ 284 ii. MARJORIE ELAINE. b. 17 Jun 1934. m. Philip Beatty Allen.* four children.

END OF FOURTH GENERATION

LEON BERNARD GENEALOGY:

THE FIFTH GENERATION★

108. Regina[5] Frances Goecke (*Frank,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 Dec 1902[17] in Maria Stein Ohio. She married Raymond Menker (b. 1900 Dayton Ohio) on 22 Aug 1922 in St. John Church in Maria Stein. They lived in Dayton where he worked with the telephone company and she was a homemaker and later worked in an envelope factory. Regina died in an automobile accident on 10 Mar 1942 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there. Raymond died in March of 1953 and is buried in Detroit Michigan.

Children of Regina[5] F. Goecke and Raymond Menker:

285 i. RAYMOND LOUIS. m . Rosalie Anshutz. two children.

286 ii. ROBERT FRANK . m. Sarah Pfeiffer. seven children.

109. Rosalia[5] Maria Goecke (*Frank,[4] Maria Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 Jan 1905 in Maria Stein Ohio. In 1922 she married Charles Earl Clarkson in Dayton Ohio. On 06 Oct 1926 she married Michael Weber (b. 15 Jun 1905 Dayton) also in Dayton. He was skilled in many trades and primarily worked as an upholsterer and a barber. They resided in Dayton and she was a homemaker until his death on 28 Jul 1950. On 05 Jan 1952 she married George Woerl (b. 11 Mar 1900 Dayton) and lived with him until his death in 1972. She resides in a retirement center.

Child of Rosalia[5] M. Goecke and Charles E. Clarkson*:

287 i. DELORES E. m. Robert Smith.* two children.
II. Basil Murphy.

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17 Date taken from church records. Mem. card date given is 10 Dec 1903.

★ Note: The cross symbol (+) is not used in this generation.

Children of Rosalia[5] M. Goecke and Michael Weber:

288 ii. EUGENE. m. Colette Roderer. one child.

289 iii. JOHN RAYMOND (aka JACK). m. Janice Pfraehler. four children.

290 iv. DONALD ALBERT. m. Edna Usas.

291 v. CARL. (1933 - 1933).

292 vi. DANIEL JOSEPH. m. Frankie Campbell. one child.

293 vii. MICHAEL OSCAR.

294 viii. ANITA MARIE . m. Carroll Zink.* one child. II. Dean Vetter.

111. Herbert[5] Henry Goecke (*Frank,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 27 July 1909 in Maria Stein Ohio. He married Ethel L.Young (b. Kentucky) in Dayton Ohio in Aug of 1928. They then moved to the East Coast in 1931. Herbert was a shoe merchant in Haverhill MA where he lived from 1937 until his death on 19 Feb 1990. He had been active in civic affairs especially community services and Democratic politics. He is buried in the Catholic Cemetery there. Ethel continues to reside in Haverhill MA.

Child of Herbert[5] H. and Ethel L. (Young) Goecke:

295 i. HERBERT H. JR. (1929 - 1987). m. Mary Ellen Mahoney. five children.

112. Hilda[5] Elizabeth Goecke (*Frank,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*). b. 26 Oct 1911 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 27 July 1928 she married Zack Estridge (b. 1909 Kentucky) in Covington KY Hilda and Zack were grocery merchants and involved in sales. They continued to reside in Indianapolis. Zack died there in 1976. Hilda married John D. Bearden on 12 Sep 1981 and they live in Indianapolis.

Children of Hilda[5] E. Goecke and Zack Estridge:

296 i. THOMAS ZACK. m. Barbara Lanham. four children.

297 ii. KENNETH JAMES. m. Frances Wood. three children.

298 iii. DAVID LEE. m. Vivian Rhodes.* two children.

299 iv. PHILIP JON. m. Barbara Dawson. four children.

300 v. MARCIA JANE. m. James Richey.

301 vi. KEITH ALAN. m. Lisa Willis.* two children. II. Dixie Mattingly. one child.

113. Elmer[5] Francis Goecke (*Frank,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 July 1914 in Maria Stein Ohio. Abt 1946 he married Marjorie Goecke. They resided in Dayton Ohio and he worked as a telephone technician. He died 05 Feb 1990 in Centerville Ohio and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. Marjorie continues to reside in the Dayton area.

Children of Elmer[5] F. and Marjorie Goecke:

302 i. CATHERINE FAY. m. Kevin Smith.* two children. II. Billy Ring .

303 ii. VICTORIA MAE.

304 iii. DEBORAH KAY. m. Jerry Olsehouser.* two children. II. Mickey Reed.* one child.

305 iv. TIMOTHY FRANK. m. Dawn ? two children.

114. Eugene[5] John Goecke (*Frank,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 May 1916 in Maria Stein Ohio. Abt 1940 he married Marjorie Swartz in Dayton Ohio where he lived with his family. On 28 Jun 1943 he married Waltene Brunson (b. 15 Oct 1917 Sumter SC). She was the daughter of Henry and Magdalene Brunson. His work as a soft drink salesman brought him to Middletown Ohio circa 1950 where he lived until his death 11 Mar 1970. He was buried in Woodside Cemetery in Middletown. Waltene married James Schmitt and resides in Middletown.

Child of Eugene[5] J. and Marjorie (Swartz) Goecke*:

306 i. SHARON RAE. m. Thomas Brown. four children.

Children of Eugene[5] J. and Waltene (Brunson) Goecke:

307 ii. SUSAN. m. Jerry Zeiher.* three children.

308 iii. EUGENE. m. Lynda Knetshield. two children.

309 iv. SHELLY. m. Michael LeMieux.* two children.
II. John Bidwell.

115. Ida[5] Katherine Goecke (*John Gerhard,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 03 Sep 1904 in Maria Stein Ohio. As a young woman she did housework and outside work for fifty cents a week which she contributed to her parents. On 13 Aug 1924 she married Gerhard F. Moeller (b. 1902 St. Sebastian) in St. Aloysius Church. He was the son of Frederick and Theresa (Brockman) Moeller. They were engaged in farming their 160 acres. She died 17 Dec 1971 and is buried in parish cemetery in St. Sebastian. Gerhard died in 25 Jul 1976 and is buried beside her.

Children of Ida[5] K. Goecke and Gerhard F. Moeller:

310 i. PAUL JOHN. m. Rosemary Leugers. six children.

311 ii. OTHMAR FREDERICK. m. Virginia Hein. three children.

312 iii. EARL HENRY. m. Evelyn Jutte. four children.

313 iv. RUTH MARY THERESA. m. Stanley Kremer. three children.

314 v. DAVID DANIEL. m. Marjorie Thobe. seven children.

315 vi. JOSEPH. (1943 - 1943).

117. Gregory[5] Bernard Goecke (*John Gerhard,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 21 Jul 1912 in Coldwater Ohio. He attended high school there and later attended St. Francis College in Ft. Wayne IN. On 19 July 1941 he married Anselma Sudhoff (b. 15 Apr 1915 St. Anthony) in St. Anthony Church Padua Ohio. He served in the US Army during World War II and later worked as a draftsman for the New Idea. He resided in Coldwater until his death on 27 Feb 1963. He is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery there. Anselma resides in Dayton in a retirement center.

Children of Gregory[5] B. and Anselma (Sudhoff) Goecke:

316 i. MICHAEL.

317 ii. JOAN (Twin). m. David Van. two children.

318 iii. JOHN (Twin). (1944 - 1949).

118. Urban[5] John Goecke (*John Gerhard,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born in Coldwater Ohio on 04 Jun 1914. He attended high school there. He married Ludvina C. Schoenlein (b. 28 Jul 1916 Carthagena Ohio) in St. Aloysius Church at Carthagena and they lived in several locations in that vicinity. In 1941 he moved to Dayton Ohio where he worked for National Cash Register as a draftsman. He also attended night school there. Ludvina died on 03 Aug 1992 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery Dayton. Urban continues a very active and involved retirement.

Children of Urban[5] J. and Ludvina (Schoenlein) Goecke:

319 i. ROBERT. m. Frances Krystokis. three children

320 ii. JANICE. m. Kenneth Hoeflinger. three children.

321 iii. KENNETH. m. Donna Reed. five children.

119. Margaret[5] Frances Goecke (*John Gerhard,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 24 Jan 1916 in Coldwater Ohio. After World War II she married Thomas Schoch on 03 May 1946 in St. Sebastian Church. She also worked in the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater for nearly ten years until her marriage. They reside on a farm near St. Anthony (Portland IN).

Children of Margaret[5] F. Goecke and Thomas Schoch:

322 i. PATRICIA. m. James Kauffman. two children.

323 ii. JAMES. m. Richey Haller.*

324 iii. JOHN. m. Agnes Laux. five children.

120. Clotilda[5] Elizabeth Goecke (*John Gerhard,[4] Mary Elizabeth,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 Jan 1919 in St. Sebastian Ohio. She worked in the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater Ohio during 1937 and 1938. On 18 Jan 1939 she married Leon Muhlenkamp (b. 25 Nov 1915 Cranberry Prairie Ohio) in St. Sebastian Church. He was the son of John Muhlenkamp and Catherine Homan. They lived in various locations until they bought a small farm near McCartyville Ohio in 1951. Leon worked at Copeland Corporation in Sidney and also at Minster Machine in Minster. Clotilda is a homemaker. In 1973 they purchased a home in McCartyville. Leon retired in 1980 and they continue to reside there.

Children of Clotilda[5] E. Goecke and Leon Muhlenkamp:

325 i. RAMONA RITA. m. Kenneth Rose. seven children.

326 ii. NORMA AUGUSTA . m. Thomas Siegel. four children.

327 iii. REBECCA ANN. m. James Rethman. two children.

328 iv. WILLIAM LEON . m. Rose Benanzer. three children.

329 v. JAMES JOHN. m. Janet Vehorn. three children.

330 vi. MARY JANE . m. James Osborn. one child.

331 vii. JERRALD RALPH . m. Mary Meyer. four children.

332 viii. LUCY MARIE.

122. William[5] Frank Bernard (*Joseph,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 20 Feb 1895 in St. Rose Ohio. On 20 Apr 1920 he married Anna Marie Boeke (b. 04 Oct 1898 Cassella Ohio) in Minster Ohio. She was the daughter of Bernard Boeke and Philomena Stein who lived in Cassella. After initially living in Minster, in 1923 they moved to

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121. Rita^{5}Anna Goecke *(John Gerhard,^{4} Maria Elizabeth,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon^1)* was born 22 Mar 1921 in St. Sebastian. She attended elementary school there and also went to Coldwater High School for one year. She did housework in various homes until she was able to secure a job at Buckeye Overall Company where she worked as a seamstress. On 01 May 1943 she married Ralph Sudhoff (b. 06 Apr 1912) of St. Anthony (Padua) Ohio. He was the son of William Sudhoff (1875-1964) and Sophia Meyer (1873-1956). They began farming near St. Anthony and Rita worked as a homemaker. Ralph was killed in an automobile on 23 Jan 1965, the victim of a drunken driver. On 20 July 1970, Rita married Gregory Schaefer and continued to reside near St. Anthony. Gregory died on 29 July 1993. Rita lives near St. Anthony and greatly enjoys her grandchildren.

Children of Rita^5 A. Goecke and Ralph Sudhoff (1912-1965):

832. i. CAROLYN ROSE. m. Ron Stucke. six children.

833. ii. GERALD RALPH. m. Juanita Laux. four children.

834. iii. ERIC ANTHONY. m. Patricia Knoth. four children.

835. iv. ROGER LEE. m. Kathleen Kahlig. six children.

836. v. PATRICK JOHN. m. Bernice Weitzel. five children.

837. vi. JUDITH ANN. m. Mark Hoenie. two children.

Dayton Ohio and were members of St. Anthony parish. Anna died in Sep 1971 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Dayton Ohio. William died 02 May 1980 in Greenfield Ohio. He is likewise buried in Calvary Cemetery Dayton.

Children of William[5] F. and Anna M. (Boeke) Bernard:

333 i. HAROLD JOHN (REV). (1922 -1983). ord. 26 Oct 1946.

334 ii. LEONARD JOSEPH. m. Anna Mae Hunter. six children.

125. Agnes[5] Alvera Bernard (*Frank,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Mar 1903 in Celina Ohio. On 10 Jun 1924 she married Albert Voskuhl (b. 01 Mar 1900 St. Anthony) at Immaculate Conception Church Celina. He initially lived in Celina where he worked at Mersman Table Company. In 1925 they moved to Oklahoma where they settled on a farm located northwest of Marshall. They continued to live in that area. Albert died on 15 Dec 1978 in Enid OK and is buried in Calvary Cemetery Hennessey OK. Agnes continues to reside in Hennessey.

Children of Agnes[5] A. Bernard and Albert Voskuhl:

335 i. LEO J. (D.V.M.) m. Edith English (1927-1969). three children. II. Beverly Ann Layton. (two children).* III. Sharon McGrew Movery. (three children).

336 ii. MARJORIE LUCILLE. m. Dayle McClain Dacus. four children.

337 iii. CYRIL FRANCIS (aka BUDDY). m. Iodilia Pauline Haddox. two children.

127. Jerome[5] Frank Bernard (Twin) (*Frank,[4] Francis,[3]Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 16 Jul 1907 in Coldwater Ohio. On 03 June 1944 he married Marcella Ruth Steiner (b. 06 Mar 1914 Bluffton Ohio) in Delphos Ohio. They resided in Carey Ohio and operated a furniture business in that city. Jerome died on 11 Dec 1973 in Findley Ohio and is buried in St. Marys Cemetery in Carey. Marcella continued to live there until her death on 04 Jan 1986. She is likewise buried in Carey.

Children of Jerome[5] F. and Marcella R. (Steiner) Bernard:

338 i. JOSEPH LEROY. m. Hilkka Hannele Supola. two children.

339 ii. THOMAS GREGORY. m. Janet Davis. two children.

340 iii. ROBERT JEROME. m. Kathy Burns. three children.

128. Henrietta[5]Anna Bernard (Twin) (*Frank,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 16 July 1907 in Coldwater Ohio. She married Eugene George Howick (b.09 Jul 1905 Carthagena) in Immaculate Conception Church Kenton Ohio. Because of his work as a chemist with a petroleum company, they moved to the East Coast and Henrietta worked as a stenographer and homemaker. Eugene died at their home in Morristown NJ on 22 Jul 1986. Henrietta currently resides in Morristown.

Children of Henrietta[5] A. Bernard and Eugene G. Howick:

341 i. EUGENE BERNARD (1934 - 1935).

342 ii. PAUL EUGENE (1936 - 1960).

343 iii. RICHARD HENRY. m. Clare Louise Daley. two children.

131. Leo[5] John Bernard (aka Barney) (*Frank,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 Jan 1914 in Osgood Ohio. He is a graduate of Kenton High School, the class of 1932. On 02 Jun 1941 he married Elizabeth (Betty) Fox (b.15 Dec 1914 Roundhead Ohio) in Immaculate Conception Church Kenton Ohio. She is the daughter of Dr. Delbert C. Fox (1881-1934) and Katharine McArthur (1886-1966). Leo served in England during World War II and after the war returned to Kenton and subsequently to Carey Ohio. He shared a furniture business partnership with his brother Jerome and owned furniture stores in Wellington, Carey, and Upper Sandusky. Leo was the sole owner of additional stores in Carey and Kenton. In 1956 they moved to Kenton. He and Betty have been and remain active in civic and community and church service activities there. Leo retired in 1974 with over 37 years in the furniture business. His interests center upon doing genealogy research and golf. He and Betty have also traveled extensively including visiting the birthplace of his German ancestors. All of their children are university graduates.

Children of Leo[5] J. and Elizabeth (Fox) Bernard:

344 i. DANIEL FOX. m. Dale Guinn Stansbury. two children.

345 ii. MICHAEL EUGENE. m. Janice McKimmie. two children.

346 iii. MARY KATHARINE (aka KATHY). m. John Robert Franzel. three children.

347 iv. ANNE ELIZABETH (Twin). m. Duane V. Keller. one child.

348 v. MARIE ELEANOR (Twin). m. Donald A. Sprang. three children.

132. Alfred[5] Frank Bernard (*Jacob,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 08 Jul 1905 in Coldwater Ohio. He moved to Dayton Ohio working at National Cash Register in the woodworking division. On 06 Aug 1929 he married Edna Catherine Grothaus (b. 03 Mar 1907 New Bremen Ohio) in Holy Family Church Dayton . They continued to reside in Dayton. Alfred died in Dayton on 13 Nov 1978 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there.

Children of Alfred[5] F. and Edna C. (Grothaus) Bernard:

349 i. BONITA JEAN. m. George Gebhart. three children.

350 ii. DONALD ALFRED. m. Julie A. Wolff.

351 iii. BETTY JO. m. Lawrence Raye Freeland.

133. Frederick[5] Adolph Bernard (Twin) (*Jacob,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 Jan 1907 in Coldwater Ohio. He moved to Detroit MI where he worked as a detective. On 19 Aug 1933 he married Jean Martha Maskell (b. 08 Oct 1914) in St. Agnes Church Detroit. He died 06 Oct 1982 in Detroit and is buried in White Chapel Cemetery there.

Children of Frederick[5] A. and Jean M.(Maskell) Bernard:

352 i. ROGER HARVEY. m. Rovonda Lunsford. three children.

353 ii. TONYA CECILIA. m. Thomas Joseph Kearis. two children.

138. Rita[5] Catherine Bernard (Twin) (*Jacob,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 03 Jul 1923 in Coldwater Ohio. She married Leander H. Fortkamp (b. 25 Aug 1917 St. Rose Ohio) on 05 Oct 1941 in Dayton Ohio. They lived on a farm near St. Rose. Rita was a homemaker. Leander died there on 24 Dec 1979. Rita continued to live there until her death on 28 Jun 1990. Both are buried in St. Rose Cemetery.

Children of Rita[5] C. Bernard and Leander H. Fortkamp:

354 i. JOSEPHINE ANN. m. Edward Grieshop.

355 ii. LEANDER HERMAN. m. Marilyn Sommers. three children.

356 iii. WALTER RAYMOND. m. Thelma Wimmers. four children.

357 iv. BARBARA JEAN. m. Lawrence Poppe. two children.

358 v. RALPH EDWARD. m. Linda Berger. two children.

359 vi. MARY (1951 - 1951).

360 vii. MARCIA REGINA. m. Bernard Tebbe. three children.

361 viii. RONALD LEE. m. Treva Griesdorn.

139. **Alma[5] Odealia Bernard** (*Jacob,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*)) was born 29 Jan 1925 in Coldwater Ohio. She graduated from St. John High School in Maria Stein in 1943 and worked in various office and secretarial positions. On 29 May 1948 she married Richard Ferdinand Overman (b. 23 Mar 1919 Maria Stein Ohio) in St. Rose Church. He is the son of Louis J. and Rosina[18] M. (Rolfes) Overman. They moved to Maria Stein and Richard worked for the Gagel Hardware Co. Alma returned to work as a secretary at Hemmelgarn Eggs in 1968 until her retirement in 1987. They currently live in Maria Stein Ohio.

Children of Alma[5] O. Bernard and Richard F. Overman:

362 i. MICHAEL RICHARD. m. Rhonda Heiby. two children.

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[18] See #177 Rosina M. Rolfes.

141. **Edward[5] Henry Bernard** (*Henry,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Nov 1912 in St. Henry Ohio. He completed his education there and graduated from Ohio State University in 1935 with his doctorate in dentistry, receiving the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Medal for academic achievement. On 07 Jun 1938 he married Anna Bernice Frederick (b. 10 Jan 1913 Celina Ohio) in Celina Ohio. She was the daughter of Joseph and Bertha (Niehaus) Frederick. Edward practiced dentistry in St. Henry and has recently completed his 57th year in that profession. Anna Bernice died on 23 Jan 1969 in University Hospital in Columbus and is buried in the St. Henry Cemetery. Edward married Emma Althoff (b. St. Marys) and continues to reside in St. Henry.

Children of Edward[5] H. and Anna B. (Frederick) Bernard:

363 i. MARJORIE MAE. m. Jerome Lawrence Braun. four children.

364 ii. ROBERT FREDERICK. m. Thelma Sue Reed. three children.

365 iii. DOROTHY BERTHA. m. Donald Anthony Nieset. two children.

366 iv. HELEN ANN. m. William Shackleford. two children.

367 v. CHARLES EDWARD. m. Melissa K. Zucker* one child. II. Cindy Taylor . two children.

142. **Richard[5] William Bernard** (*Henry,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 06 October 1914 in St. Henry Ohio. After working ten years in the banking profession in St. Henry, he moved to Ottoville Ohio to manage the Ottoville Bank. On 11 Jan 1941 he married Fern Olive Hutchins (b. 14 Aug 1918 Cecil [Paulding Co] Ohio) in St. Henry Church. During World War II he served in the US Navy. Richard was active in various civic organizations. He retired in 1977 after 37 years in the Ottoville Bank. On 07 Jan 1987 Richard died in Ottoville and is buried in St. Marys Cemetery there. Fern died 11 Apr 1991 and is buried beside Richard.

Children of Richard [5] W. and Fern O. (Hutchins) Bernard:

368 i. PATRICIA MARIE. m. Robert Mach. four children.

369 ii. RALPH EDWARD. m. Barbara Ann North. two children.

370 iii. WILLIAM RICHARD. m. Kathy Lynn Horstman.* two children.

371 iv. MARY KAYE. m. Isaac Montoya.* two children.

372 v. JOAN ESTHER m. John Norbert Brickner. three children.

373 vi. EDWARD CHARLES. m. Debra K. Crookton.

143. **Joseph[5] Romer Bernard** (*Henry,[4]Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 Jan 1919 in St. Henry Ohio. Joseph was a military officer and served in the US Air Force during World War II. On 14 Feb 1946 he married Leona Pauline Vagades (b.27 Nov 1923 St. Henry) in St. Henry Church. She was the daughter of John and Mary Vagedes. They resided in Europe and various locations in the US including Dayton Ohio. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. Joseph died on 27 July 1968 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there. Leona died 13 Sep 1983 and is likewise buried in Calvary.

Children of Joseph[5] R. and Leona P. (Vagedes) Bernard:

374 i. JAMES HENRY. m. Carlotta Lee Cline.* one child. II. Brenda Sue Gibson.

375 ii. DONALD JOHN. m. Kathleen Jane Kinney. two children.

376 iii. RUTH ANN.

377 iv. THOMAS EDWARD. m. Jane Ellen Burnett. three children.

378 v. LAWRENCE ROBERT. m. Susan Elaine Whitaker. one child.

379 vi. DOUGLAS RICHARD. m. Martha Lynne Scholl.

144. **Mary[5] Catherine Bernard** (*Henry,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 07 Sep 1920 in St. Henry Ohio. On 23 Apr 1941 she married William Joseph Faller Jr. (b. 13 Apr 1918 Ft. Recovery Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Stein) Faller. Mary is a homemaker and a beautician. They continue to reside in Ft. Recovery.

Children of Mary[5] C. Bernard and William J. Faller:

380 i. CAROLYN ANN. m. Urban Francis Siefring. two children.

381 ii. MICHAEL EDWARD. m. Linda Betti.* one child. II. Linda Cole. two children.

382 iii. ELIZABETH MARIE. m. Ted Boyd.* one child. II. Bernard R. Reichert. four children.

383 iv. HENRY WILLIAM. m. Mary Jane Wolf (#769). four children.

384 v. THOMAS EUGENE. m. Sharon Miranda.* two children.

385 vi. MARY LOUISE. one child.

386 vii. RICHARD MATTHEW m. Evelyn Stevenson.* four children.

387 viii. MARGARET CATHERINE.

388 ix. JOSEPH MARTIN. m. Barbara Preparato. three children.

145. **Anna^5 Rebecca Bernard** (*Henry,^{4} Francis,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon^1*) was born 23 Apr 1924 in St. Henry Ohio. Upon graduation from high school she moved to Dayton Ohio. On 14 Aug 1948 she married Ferdinand John Kopp (b. Dayton Ohio) in St. Henry Church. Ferd is associated with the heating and air conditioning business. She worked as a personnel manager for Elder Beerman in Dayton. They continue to reside in Beavercreek Ohio.

Children of Anna^5 R. Bernard and Ferdinand J. Kopp:

389 i. REBECCA LOUISE. m. Steve Schwab. two children.

390 ii. CATHERINE ANN. m. Ronald Hinch. two children.

391 iii. MARGARET ELLEN. m. Darrell Baker. one child.

392 iv. FERDINAND JOHN III. m. Alana Myers. one child.

148. **John[5] Henry Bernard** (*Henry,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born in St. Henry Ohio on 21 Sep 1933. He attended high school there and moved to Cincinnati where he completed barber training. He moved to Middletown and Dayton Ohio and later to TN. On 18 Nov 1978 he married Tamara Jones. John is a sales representative and continues to reside in Crossville TN.

Child of John[5] H. and Tamara (Jones) Bernard:

393 i. FRANK LEROY.

150. **Norbert[5] Francis Boehmer** (*Rose,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Jan 1911 in Cranberry Prairie Ohio. On Sep 12 1936 he married Dorothy E. Champion (b. 06 Feb 1910 Dayton Ohio) in St. James Church Dayton. Norbert was a mortician at Meyer and Boehmer Funeral Home in Dayton. He died 19 Jun 1978 in Dayton and is buried at Calvary Cemetery there.

Children of Norbert[5] F. and Dorothy (Champion) Boehmer:

394 i. FREDERICK NORBERT. m. Florence Thoma. two children.

395 ii. MIRIAM ROSE. m. William Focke. one child.

153. **Romilda[5] Elizabeth Boehmer** (*Rose,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 Jun 1918 in Celina Ohio. She was married on 24 Nov 1938 at St. James Church in Dayton Ohio to George Herman Segerer (b. 13 Nov 1911 Dayton). He was the son of Aloys and Frieda (Berger) Segerer. Romilda did office work for Koehler Aircraft in Dayton and George was a machinist at General Motors. After retirement in 1972 George did woodcarving and Romilda continued her hobbies of embroidery and quiltmaking. George died 12 Nov 1987 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Romilda resides in Dayton.

Children of Romilda[5] E. Boehmer and George Segerer:

396 i. JUDITH ELAINE. m. Lawrence J. Pheil.* two children. II. Charles E. Watson .

397 ii. ROBERT. (1944 - 1946)

155. **Margaret[5] Dorothy Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 30 Jun 1911 in Dayton Ohio. She worked for the Mutual Furniture Company in Miamisburg as a drawer assembler and in other departments. On 01 Jun 1946 she married Eugene Patrick Schroeder (b. 20 Mar 1917 Miamisburg Ohio) in Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Miamisburg . He is the son of Henry F. and Helen (Griffin) Schroeder. Initially working at Wright Field, he served throughout Europe during World War II. He returned to Dayton and began work at the Dayton Power and Light Co from which he retired in 1976. Eugene died on 26 June 1993. Margaret continues to reside in Miamisburg.

Child of Margaret[5] D. Brockman and Eugene P. Schroeder:

398 i. ANNAMARIE. m. Carl Vincent Webb. two children.

156. **Hugo[5] Edward Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 28 Nov 1912 in Dayton Ohio. He married Betty Johns (b. Germantown Ohio) in Miamisburg on 14 Sep 1935 in Our Lady of Good Hope Church. He worked as a polisher at the Mutual Furniture Company. Hugo died on 12 Feb 1943 in Germantown Ohio and is buried in Catholic Cemetery in Miamisburg. Betty later remarried and moved to Florida.

Child of Hugo[5] E. and Betty (Johns) Brockman:

399 i. CHERYL JOSEPHINE. m. one child.

157. **Urban[5] Frank Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4]Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 Feb 1914 in Dayton Ohio. Along with other family members he initially worked at the Mutual Furniture Company in Miamisburg but later moved to National Cash Register Company.He married Mary Elizabeth Courtney (b. 28 Feb 1914 West Carrollton Ohio) on 30 Oct 1933 in Miamisburg. Urban continued working for N.C.R. until his retirement in 1975. Urban died on 18 Mar 1989 in Orlando FL and is buried in Highlands Cemetery Miamisburg Ohio. Mary resides in Miamisburg.

Children of Urban[5] F. and Mary E. (Courtney) Brockman:

400 i. ROBERT EUGENE. m. Harlean Kay Rhonomous. four children.

401 ii. JOYCE ELAINE. m. Robert Reed Riddell (1936 - abt 1988). two children.

402 iii. DAVID LEROY. m. Carrie Johnson. two children.

403 iv. DONNA JEAN. m. William Franklin Newton (1938-1992). three children.

404 v. GERALD RAY. m. Rebecca Jean Wickline(1949 - 1991). three children.

158. **Mildred[5] Marie Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4]Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 18 Nov 1915 in Dayton Ohio. On 01 Jun 1935 she married Robert Morris (b. 11 Jan 1913 KY) in Richmond IN. During World War II Mildred worked in the General Motors Corporation in Dayton but primarily was a homemaker. Robert died 08 Dec 1980. She later married Carl Early who operated a service station. Carl died about 1970. Mildred died on 03 Jun 1992 in Miamisburg and is buried in Highlands Cemetery.

Child of Mildred[5] M. Brockman and Robert Morris*:

405 i. WANDA JEAN. m. Louis J. Gleason. two children.

159. **Elmer[5] Michael Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4]Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Jun 1917 in Dayton Ohio. Elmer served in the US Army in both Africa and Europe during World War II. He married Nellie Dickey (b. 23 Jan 1923 Upland IN) on 09 Oct 1947 in Richmond IN. Elmer also worked at the Mutual Furniture Company and later for National Cash Register Company from which he retired in 1975. Nellie died on 25 Feb 1973 and is buried in Highlands Cemetery. Elmer resides in Miamisburg.

Children of Elmer[5] M. and Nellie (Dickey) Brockman:

406 i. PHYLLIS MARIE. m. Lee Hensley. one child.

407 ii. JANICE ELAINE. m. Robert Hunt. three children.

160. **Marcella[5] Elizabeth Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Dec 1918 in Dayton Ohio. After graduating from Miamisburg High School in 1937 she worked in offices for the City of Miamisburg. She married Anthony Bernard Clark (b. 17 Feb 1922 Cincinnati Ohio) in Miamisburg Ohio on 02 Jun 1950. He is the son of James F. and Sarah C. (Oelker) Clark. They moved to a farm near Urbana Ohio where they lived for thirteen years. Upon return to Miamisburg Anthony worked for a papermill and for Montgomery County. They reside in Miamisburg.

Children of Marcella[5] E. Brockman and Anthony B. Clark:

408 i. KATHRYN MARY.

409 ii. PATRICIA ANN.

410 iii. CHRISTINA MARIE.

411 iv. JOHN ANTHONY. m. Vivian Gaddie.

163. **Lewis[5] John Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 30 Sep 1925 in Miamisburg Ohio. He attended Miamisburg High School and was the first high school student of that school to be drafted. He joined the US Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. On 03 Aug 1944 he married Bette Eloise Paddack (b. 10 Nov 1927 Spokane WA) in Joliet IL. She is the daughter of Charles A. and Louise M. (Thomas) Paddack. Upon returning from the War they moved to Spokane WA in 1947 and lived there until 1954. Returning to Miamisburg, Lewis worked in the Traffic Department of the Dayton Tire and Rubber Company for twenty one years retiring in 1980. They continue to reside in Miamisburg.

Children of Lewis[5] J. and Bette E. (Paddack) Brockman:

412 i. PAMELA LOUISE. m. William "Chuck" Corkhill. four children.

413 ii. NANCY LEE.

414 iii. DANNY LEWIS. m. Marsha Rammel. four children.

415 iv. CAROLE LYNNE. m. Gary L. Miller. two children.

164. **Victor[5] Mathais Brockman** (*Kathryn,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 26 Feb 1928 in Miamisburg Ohio. After graduating from Miamisburg High School in 1947 he worked for General Motors (Delco Moraine) where he spent his entire career. On 20 Nov 1948 he married Shirley Ann Ball (b. 12 Nov 1928 Miamisburg) in Miamisburg. She is the daughter of Edwin and Helen (Binkley) Ball. Shirley worked part-time in various medical offices in the Miamisburg area. Victor retired from General Motors in 1983 and they continue to reside in Miamisburg.

Children of Victor[5] M. and Shirley A. (Ball) Brockman:

416 i. STEPHEN DOUGLAS. m. Nancy Clare Koerner. three children.

417 ii. JANE ANN. m. Keith A. Murrell.

418 iii. LINDA MARIE. m. Thomas Martin.

419 iv. JEFFREY ALAN. m. Rhonda Lee Pennington. one child.

166. **Jerome[5] Frank Boehmer** (*Bernadine,[4] Francis,[3]Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 Mar 1912 in Coldwater Ohio. He married Helen Hilger (b. 03 May 1911 Pittsburgh PA) in Dayton Ohio on 10 Jun 1933. She was the daughter of Frank and Caroline (Qwech) Hilger. He was a supervisor at Delco Corporation and they resided in Dayton. Jerome died 28 Apr 1979 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery Dayton. Helen continued to live in Dayton until her death on 26 Nov 1991. She is also buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Children of Jerome[5] and Helen (Hilger) Boehmer:

420 i. ARLENE RITA. m. John Shea Jr. two children.

421 ii. THOMAS MICHAEL. m. Gayle Lueke. two children.

422 iii. JOYCE ANN. m. Keith Hardy.

167. **Louis[5] Paul Boehmer** (*Bernadine,[4] Francis,[3]Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 Nov 1913 in Dayton Ohio. On 12 Jun 1937 he married Marie Geier (b. 18 Nov 1913 Dayton) in Dayton Ohio. He worked as a laborer and supervisor in both General Motors and Delco Corporation. He died on 27 Jan 1984 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Marie continues to reside in the Dayton area.

Children of Louis[5] P. and Marie (Geier) Boehmer:

423 i. JANET GAYLE. m. Timothy Sweeney. one child.

424 ii. MICHAEL LOUIS. m. Carolyn Person. two children.

425 iii. JOSEPH BERNARD. m. Barbara S. Schuhloff. two children.

168. **Edward[5] Frederick Boehmer** (*Bernadine,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 29 Jan 1917 in Celina Ohio. He married Virginia Ernst (b. 14 Sep 1919) on 16 Sep 1939 in Holy Family Church Dayton Ohio. She is the daughter of Raymond and Laurine (Meyer) Ernst. Edward was a toolmaker in the tool and die business. He died 21 Nov 1965 in Dayton. Virginia continues to reside in Dayton.

Children of Edward[5] F. and Virginia (Ernst) Boehmer:

426 i. JUDITH ELAINE. m. Samuel Schindler. four children.

427 ii. JAMES EDWARD. m. Mildred Homan. two children.

169. **Lawrence[5] Jerome Bernard (aka Larry)** (*Lawrence,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 August 1931 in Dayton Ohio. Lawrence was an accountant at Delco Moraine Corporation . On Oct 13 1951 he married Carol Frances Wagner (b. 22 Dec 1930 Dayton) in Holy Family Church Dayton. Larry retired in 1988. They continue to reside in Trotwood Ohio.

Children of Lawrence[5] J. and Carol F. (Wagner) Bernard:

428 i. MARILYN MARGARET. m. James Ricky Lamar Nipper. two children.

429 ii. KENNETH WILLIAM. m. Deborah Elaine Dean (1957 - 1988). II. Marcia Profit.

430 iii. CATHERINE ANN. m. Mark Alan Barnhart (1957 - 1980) one child. II. John William Knopp IV. one child.

431 iv. TERRENCE JEROME. m. Jeanne Scanto.* one child. II. Velma Vivian Reeves.

432 v. MARK DALE.

433 vi. GREGORY DONALD.

170. **Joanne[5] Louise Bernard** (*Lawrence,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon,[1]*) was born 03 June 1934 in Dayton Ohio. She completed high school in Dayton. She was married on 18 Jun 1955 to Donald Allen Oldiges (b.18 Oct 1934 Minster Ohio) in St. James Church Dayton. He was the son of Stephen H. and Ruby (Makley) Oldiges. Joanne is a homemaker and Donald was a financial director for the public schools. He is now retired and teaches classes at a local university. Both reside in Bellbrook Ohio.

Children of Joanne[5] L. Bernard and David A. Oldiges:

434 i. CHERYL LYNN. m. Bruce A. Hollingworth. two children.

435 ii. DONALD ALLEN. m. Carol Lynn Moore. three children.

436 iii. TIMOTHY LAWRENCE. m. Sherry Lynn Perry. two children.

437 iv. MICHAEL STEPHEN. m. Kerry Lee Johnson . one child.

171. **Barbara[5] Elaine Bernard** (*Lawrence,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 20 Apr 1936 in Dayton Ohio. On 08 Aug 1959 she married Dale McIlvaine (b. 03 Nov 1936 Dayton) in St. James Church Dayton. Barbara was in the nursing profession. Upon her divorce Barbara married Arthur Sweigert. Barbara died 03 Sep 1984 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. Their one son was adopted.

Child of Barbara[5] E. Bernard and Dale McIlvaine:

438 i. STEVEN DALE.

172. **Robert[5] Joseph Bernard** (*Lawrence,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Mar 1940 in Dayton Ohio. He worked as a laborer at Delco Moraine Corporation. In July 1968 he married Linda Lou Brockman (Sep 09 1944 Dayton) and was subsequently divorced in 1982. Robert died on 19 Aug 1984 of a heart attack in Dayton.

Child of Robert[5] J. and Linda L. (Brockman) Bernard:

439 i. TRACEY LYNN.

174. **Eileen[5] Margaret Bernard** (*Raymond,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 Jun 1931 in Dayton Ohio. In 1949 she graduated from Hastings High School Hastings MI. She married Donald Kenneth Koole (b. 27 Feb 1935 Kalamazoo MI) on 23 Oct 1954 in St. Rose of Lima Church Hastings MI. Her second marriage was to Quentin Anthony Meyers (b. 03 Sep 1936 St. Paul MN) on 25 Jun 1982. They are parents to: Teresa J., Mark C., Daniel J., and Elizabeth M. Quentin. She is a child care director and resides in Kalamazoo MI.

Children of Eileen[5] M. Bernard and Donald K. Koole*:

440 i. MARIE BERNADINE. m. Arnie Fitch. three children.

441 ii. MARILYN RENA . m. Lewis Morehous. two children.

442 iii. TERESA LUCILLE. m. Dale DeMerell. three children.

443 iv. DONALD KENNETH. m. Roxanne Rubleske. two children.

444 v. RAYMOND JOSEPH. m. Joan Griffin. four children.

445 vi. TAMARA FRANCES. m. William George Snape. three children.

175. **Jerome[5] Joseph Bernard (aka Jerry)** (*Raymond,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 16 Feb 1933 in Dayton Ohio. After graduation from Hastings High School in 1951, he worked briefly and later served in the U.S. Army from 1953 until 1955. He married Eleanor May Woods (b. 09 Oct 1935 Battle Creek MI) on 12 Sep 1953 in St. Rose of Lima Church Hastings MI. Jerry is a skilled carpenter and currently works in that profession. He and Eleanor reside near Hastings MI.

Children of Jerome[5] J. and Eleanor M. (Woods) Bernard:

446 i. DANIEL HOWARD (1956 - 1979). m. Robin Nolan. one child.

447 ii. DENNIS RAYMOND. m. Michelle Maria Bennett. two children.

448 iii. DAVID JOSEPH. m. LuAnn Arkwright.* three children. II. Lorraine E. Danielson. two children.

449 iv. KAREN LYNN.

450 v. JULIA ANN. m. Donald Jeffrey Dobbin. three children.

176. **Norma[5] Jean Bernard** (*Raymond,[4] Francis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was 22 Dec 1935 in Dayton Ohio and baptized in St. James Church. In 1954 she graduated from Hastings High School in Hastings MI. On 03 Nov 1956 she married Robert Joseph Bonhomme (b. 02 Jul 1933 Vincennes IN) in St. Rose of Lima Church in Hastings MI. She and her husband reside in Kalamazoo.

Children of Norma[5] J. Bernard and Robert J. Bonhomme:

451 i. JEAN ANN. m. William Craig Wiborn.

452 ii. JOSEPH STEPHEN. m. Diane Lowjean Andrus. two children.

453 iii. ROBERT JOSEPH JR. m. Julia Yvonne Roark. two children.

454 iv. MARY ROSE.

177. **Rosina[5] Magdalena Rolfes** (*Henry,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Apr 1890 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 28 Dec 1914 she married Louis Overman (b. 24 Mar 1889 Maria Stein) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He was the son Anton Overman and Catherine Moeder. They were farmers with an eighty acre farm near Maria Stein. Louis died 16 Jun 1966 in Maria Stein and is buried in St. John Cemetery. Rosina died 28 Dec 1972 and is likewise buried in St. John Cemetery.

Children of Rosina[5] M. Rolfes and Louis J. Overman:

455 i. VIOMA CATHERINE HENRIETTA (1915 -1988). m. Norbert Dippold. five children.

456 ii. ALVINA MARIA A. m. Bernard Hemmelgarn. six children.

457 iii. LINUS WILLIAM. m. Alma M. Luthman. ten children.

458 iv. DORTHEA ELEANORA JOSEPHINA. m. Norbert H. Gerlach. five children.

459 v. RICHARD FERDINAND . m. Alma O. Bernard. (#139) one child.

460 vi. OTHMAR LEO CHARLES. m. Joan Brower. two children.

461 vii. CYRIL FRANCIS VERNON. m. Elizabeth Frey. seven children.

462 viii. LOUIS LAWRENCE. m. Joan Gast. four children.

463 ix. MARILYN MARGARET. m. William Harold Braun. four children.

178. **Francis Ferdinand[5] Rolfes (aka Ferd)** (*Henry,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Aug 1892 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 02 Jun 1920 he married Margaret M. Overman (b. 29 Dec 1894 Maria Stein). She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Mescher) Overman. He was a farmer and lived his entire life near Maria Stein and near the original Leon Bernard farm. Margaret died on 24 Aug 1978 and is buried in St. John Cemetery. Ferd died 08 Oct 1982 and is buried beside Margaret. Their son Herbert resides on the original farm.

Children of Ferdinand[5] and Margaret M. (Overman) Rolfes:

464 i. ALMA ROSINA JOHANNA. m. Victor Joseph Prenger. five children.

465 ii. HERBERT HENRY.

180. **Leona Maria Regina[5] Rolfes (aka Regina)** (*Henry,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 02 Feb 1897 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 21 Nov 1916 she married Joseph B. Puthoff (b. 1891) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He was the son of Diedrich and Mary (Mescher) Puthoff of Maria Stein. They lived their entire lives near Maria Stein living on the original eighty acre farm of his grandfather. Regina was a homemaker. In addition to farming Joseph also worked as a carpenter. Their children attended the Puthoff School near the original Leon Bernard farm. Joseph died 21 Feb 1950 and is buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein. Regina lived until 16 Sep 1972 and is also buried in St. John Cemetery.

Children of Leona Maria Regina[5] Rolfes and Joseph B. Puthoff:

466 i. LAWRENCE FRANCIS. m. Emelda C. Stelzer. two children.

467 ii. EDWIN ANTON. m. Alma Osterloh. five children.

468 iii. LEANDER FRANCIS. m. Rose Ann Nelson. three children.

469 iv. LAURETTA MARIA HENRIETTA. m. Herman Bergman. five children.

470 v. VELMA STELLA (Twin) (1928 - 1928).

471 vi. NORMA FRANCES (Twin). m. Roman A. Buening. six children.

472 vii. MARIA (1925 - 1925).

473 viii. ALVIN (1921 - 1990).

181. **Leo^5 Edwin Rolfes** (*Henry,^{4} Magdalena,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon^1*) was born 15 May 1899 in Maria Stein Ohio. He initially moved to Dayton Ohio where he met his future wife who worked in a cigar factory. On 30 Jan 1923 he married Anna (Corrine) Elizabeth Bergman (b. 11 Jul 1902 Maria Stein) in St. Augustine Church Minster. They moved to Celina Ohio and Leo worked for the Mersman Table Company. He later worked for the Martz Cabinet Company from which he retired as a furniture refinisher. Anna died in 19 Dec of 1984 and Leo died 07 Apr 1986 in Celina Ohio. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Celina.

Children of Leo^5 E. and Anna C. (Bergman) Rolfes:

474 i. LAVERN HENRY. m. Dolores Bohman. three children.

475 ii. EUGENE JOHN. m. Virginia Alt. six children.

476 iii. MARY ANN. m. Victor Steinke. five children.

477 iv. PATRICIA LOU . m. Donald Hay. three children.

182. **Catherine Hilda^5 Rolfes (aka Hilda)** (*Henry,^{4} Magdalena,^{3} Joseph,^{2} Leon^1*) was born 10 Jan 1903 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 10 Jun 1924 she married Robert Thobe (b. 18 Apr 1902). He was the son of Henry (b. Ft. Loramie Ohio) and Catherine (Brunswick) (b. Kalida Ohio) Thobe. They lived in Celina where Robert worked at Mersman Table Company. About 1927 they moved to Dayton Ohio where Robert worked at National Cash Register (NCR) and Hilda worked in a school cafeteria and later at NCR. Hilda continued to live in Dayton until she retired. In 1965 she moved to Akron Ohio to be near her daughter Norma. Robert died in 1957 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Catherine resides in Akron Ohio.

Children of Catherine Hilda[5] Rolfes and Robert Thobe*:

478 i. NORMA JEAN (1928 - 1990). m. Kenneth Sucher. two children.

479 ii. NEIL KENNETH. m. Shirley Knott. one child.

183. **Estella[5] Christine Rolfes** (*Henry,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 Mar 1906 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 17 Feb 1925 she married Lawrence Wissman (b.09 Aug 1903 Minster Ohio) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He was the son of Bernard and Catherine (Sherman) Wissman. Stella was a homemaker and Lawrence operated an automobile service station He died on 13 Jul 1947 and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery. Stella married Urban Liesner (1913 - 1982) in 1952 and she resides in Minster Ohio.

Children of Estella[5] C. Rolfes and Lawrence Wissman:

480 i. JAMES CLETUS. m. Mary Lee Doenges. six children.

481 ii. JOHN BLAISE. m. Ann Ennix. four children.

482 iii. JEROME LOUIS. m. Arlene Justina Holthaus. three children.

185. **Josephine[5] Elizabeth Rolfes** (*Francis,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 06 Jul 1896 in Maria Stein Ohio. She married Frank H. Bruening (b. 07 Feb 1892 Shelby Cty Ohio) and they resided in Osgood Ohio. He was the son of Bernard J. Bruening (b. 07 Oct 1865 St. Rose) and Elizabeth Westerheide (b. 1865 Piqua Ohio). Frank worked as a mechanic until his early death from tuberculosis on 12 Jul 1918. Josephine then moved to Dayton Ohio where she remained and worked as a dressmaker and seamstress. She died 01 Aug 1974 is buried in St. Martin Cemetery in Osgood.

Children of Josephine[5] E. Rolfes and Frank H. Bruening:

i. UNKNOWN. Died shortly after birth. No additional information.

483 ii. LEONARD HERMAN. (1918- 1968). m. Anna Burns. two children.

186. **Isabelle[5] Rolfes** (*Francis,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon [1]*) was born 23 February 1900 in Maria Stein Ohio. She moved to Dayton and was and worked as a housekeeper. She married Alfred Wagner on 11 Nov 1918 (Armistice Day). Alfred, born in Bryant IN , was the son of John and Catherine Wagner. Alfred worked for Delco Products and Isabelle was a homemaker. Isabelle died 15 Dec 1951 in Dayton and is buried in Calvary Cemetery there. Alfred later married Helen Schaaf and continued living in Dayton until his death abt 1974. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery beside Isabelle.

Children of Isabelle[5] Rolfes and Alfred Wagner:

484 i. MARY ANN. m. Carl Scheffer. six children.

485 ii. EVELYN MARY (aka SIS). m. Stephen Sipos. one child. Noland Harlament.

486 iii. LAVERN JOSEPH. m. Sonya Thiel. three children.

487 iv. LESTER FRANK. (d. abt 1991). m. Dorothy (d. abt 1988) . four children.

187. **Alfred[5] Anton Rolfes (aka Albert)**(*Francis,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 21 Apr 1904 in Maria Stein Ohio. He moved to Dayton Ohio and married Leitta Knob (06 Mar 1905 Shelby Co Ohio) in Resurrection Church in Dayton. They continued to be members of Resurrection Parish in Dayton. Albert worked at Delco Products and Leitta was a factory laborer. Alfred died of a sudden heart attack 21 May 1951 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery Dayton. Leitta died 30 May 1980 and is also buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Children of Alfred[5] A. and Leitta (Knob) Rolfes:

488 i. LAWANDA MAE. m. Fred Horn. three children.

489 ii. MARY JO. m. David Coleman. two children.

188. **Joseph Clarence[5] Rolfes (aka Clarence)** (*Francis,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 Oct 1907 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 15 Jun 1933 he married Julia Doris Burke(b. 22 Sep 1908 New York City) in Resurrection Church Dayton Ohio. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Brown) Burke who came to the US from Co. Clare Ireland. Clarence worked for Delco and Julia was a homemaker. They moved from Dayton to West Milton Ohio in 1956. Clarence died 14 Dec 1965 and is buried in Covington Memorial Park Cemetery. Julia resides in West Milton with her son Richard.

Children of Clarence[5] and Julia (Burke) Rolfes:

490 i. RICHARD EDWARD.

491 ii. DONALD LEE. m. Nora Pfeiffer. six children.

189. **John Bernard[5] Vehorn (aka Ben)***(Maria Elizabeth,[4]Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1])* was born 10 July 1892 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 21 Oct 1914 he married Cecilia Heitkamp (b. 15 Jan 1895 Maria Stein) in St. John Church Maria Stein. Cecilia was the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Mescher) Heitkamp. Ben and Cecilia were farmers. He died on 02 Sep 1967 and is buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein. Cecilia died in 08 Sep 1971 and is also buried in St. John Cemetery.

Children of Bernard[5] and Cecilia (Heitkamp) Vehorn:

492 i. JOHANNA MARIA ROSELLA. m. John Joseph Victor Huelskamp. seven children.

493 ii. ELMER JOHN. m. Pauline Wenning. eight children.

494 iii. ELVERA ELEANOR. m. Warner Stucke. ten children.

495 iv. WILBUR HENRY. m. Monica B. Huecker. five children.

496 v. HERBERT ROMAN. m. Donna Miller. six children.

497 vi. VIOLA MATILDA. m. Albert Ernst. four children.

498 vii. MARIA ANNA ROSA. m. Alphonse H. Miller.

499 viii. IRENE STELLA. m. Mike N. Meiring. nine children.

500 ix. DELORES RUTH. m. Roland L. Meiring. four children.

501 x. RALPH HENRY. m. Nancy Daly. six children.

502 xi. ESTHER MARIA ESTELLA. Elton Meiring. four children.

190. **Catherina Eleanora[5] Vehorn** (*Maria Elizabeth,[4]Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Jan 1897 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 19 May 1920 she married John D. Huelskamp (b. 28 Sep 1894) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He was the son of Bernard and Rosa (Thobe) Huelskamp also of Maria Stein. A veteran, he had served in the US Army during World War I. They were farmers of an eighty acre farm in the Maria Stein area and Eleanora was a homemaker. She was described as a quiet person who liked music and at one time played an accordion while her brothers played the violin and guitar. Eleanora died in 21 Apr 1981 and John died 02 Jun 1984. Both are buried in St. John Cemetery Maria Stein.

Children of Catherina Eleanora[5] Vehorn and John D. Huelskamp:

503 i. ROMAN BERNARD. m. Norma Rutschilling. thirteen children.

504 ii. LAWRENCE BERNARD. m. Mary Grilliot. four children.

191. **Edward[5] Francis Christian Vehorn** (*Maria Elizabeth,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 07 January 1903 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 22 Oct 1922 he married Ruth Irene Grieshop (b. 09 Nov 1900 Chickasaw Ohio) in Precious Blood Church Chickasaw. He worked for the Goodyear Company in St. Marys and also continued farming his farm which was the original farm of his parents. Edward died 19 July 1983 and is buried in the St. John Cemetery Maria Stein . Ruth died 16 Mar 1993 and is also buried in St. John Cemetery in Maria Stein.

Children of Edward[5] F. and Ruth I. (Grieshop) Vehorn:

505 i. JAMES HOWARD. m. Mary Ann Heitbrink. five children.

506 ii. CAROL MAE. m. Leander Mescher. six children.

507 iii. ROBERT. (1932 - 1944).

508 iv. JOHN. m. Ruth Curtis. six children.

193. **Julius[5] Andreas Brunswick (aka Jule)** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 Feb 1895 in Maria Stein Ohio. He served during World War I. On 29 Oct 1919 he married Matilda Timmerman(b. 07 Mar 1899 Sharpsburg Ohio) in Sharpsburg. They lived on an eighty farm west of St. Henry and were members of St. Wendelin Parish. Upon retirement in 1966 they moved to Coldwater. Julian died 23 Jan 1967 in Coldwater Ohio and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery there. Matilda died on 27 Oct 1986 in Coldwater and is buried beside Julius there.

Children of Julius [5]A. and Matilda (Timmerman) Brunswick:

509 i. MARY AGNES. m. Edward Grube. five children.

510 ii. DELORES JUSTINE m. Herbert Brackman (1920-1993). ten children.

511 iii. DELLA MAE. m. Aloysius Kanney. four children.

512 iv. DONALD JULIUS. m. Doris Ann Knapke. seven children.

512a v. RUTH. m. Charles Koesters. six Children

194. **Henry Lawrence[5] Brunswick (aka Lawrence)** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 15 Oct 1896 In Maria Stein Ohio. On 06 May 1919 he married Justina Mary Braun (b.07 Oct 1898 St. Peter) in St. Peters Church Ft. Recovery Ohio. She was the daughter of John and Louise (Kalig) Braun. They were farmers and owned a farm near Sharpsburg Ohio. Justina died in 01 Aug 1961 and is buried in St. Paul Cemetery Sharpsburg. Lawrence lived until 21 Aug 1968 and is buried beside Justina.

Children of Lawrence[5] and Justina (Braun) Brunswick:

513 i. MELVIN JOSEPH. m. Mildred Wellman. four children.

514 ii. RITA MATILDA. m. Frank Tumbusch. seven children.

515 iii. ROBERT JULIUS. m. Irma Luttmer. three children.

516 iv. WILMA (1925 - 1931).

517 v. RICHARD HENRY. m. Rita Eilerman. three children.

518 vi. WILFRED LAWRENCE. m. Joyce Colbeck. seven children.

519 vii. MARY CATHERINE.

520 viii. JOHN PAUL. m. Madonna Jutte. six children.

521 ix. RUTH IDA. m. Edward Goubeaux. five children.

522 x. BERNICE THERESA. m. Michael Flaherty. two children.

523 xi. ARTHUR RAYMOND. m. Dorothy Heitkamp. five children.

195. **Clemens Edwin[5] Brunswick (aka Ed)** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 06 Aug 1898 in Maria Stein Ohio.He worked in various jobs before moving to Chicago in the late 1920's. He married Kathryn Ann (Kaye) Jacoby (b. 01 Sep 1879 Saukville WI) in 1930 in St. Thomas Church Chicago. She was the daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Dungey) Jacoby. He moved to Milwaukee WI aft 1930 and initially did factory work before becoming an independent merchant. Ed was described as a kind and gentle man handsome and very fastidious regarding dress. They were members of Holy Angels Church in West Bend. He died 26 Sep 1975 and Kathryn died 05 Jan 1979. Both are buried in Washington County Memorial Park near West Bend. One daughter continues to live in the area.

Children of Edwin[5] and Kaye (Jacoby) Brunswick:

524 i. NANCY JEAN m. Ollie Grasse.* six children.
II. Arthur Falk.

525 ii. BARBARA ANN. m. Robert Clark. two children.

196. **Francis[5] Joseph Leo Brunswick (aka Frank)** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 29 Jan 1900 in Maria Stein Ohio. He moved to Dayton briefly and worked at the Dayton Tire and Rubber Company. He returned to Mercer County and married Iola Anna Zahn (b. 26 Jun 1909 Cranberry Prairie) on 30 Jan 1929 in Precious Blood Church Chickasaw. She was the daughter of Edward (1881 - 1970) and Helen (Schoen) (1882 - 1967) Zahn. They initially lived near Sharpsburg but later bought an eighty acre farm west of St. Henry which was the site of the Himmelgarten Convent. Frank also worked at the New Idea Company and in 1955 moved to St. Henry. Frank died on 05 Apr 1980 in St. Henry Ohio and is buried in the St. Henry Cemetery there. Iola continues to reside in St. Henry.

Children of Francis[5] J. and Iola (Zahn) Brunswick:

526 i. BETTY ELIZABETH. m. Orville Jutte. ten children.

527 ii. WILMA BERNADINE. m. Paul Walsh. four children.

528 iii. DENNIS JOSEPH. m. Lois Gels. ten children.

529 iv. GERALD LAWRENCE (1935 - 1993). m. Carol Thieman. eight children.

530 v. LOIS ANN. m. Kenneth Kremer. three children.

531 vi. JANICE ELAINE. m. Donald Gehle. three children.

197. **Ferdinand[5] Henry Joseph Brunswick (aka Ferd)** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 03 Nov 1901 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 02 May 1927 he married Theresa Guggenbiller (b. 15 Apr 1907).Theresa was the daughter of John Guggenbiller Jr. and Kathryn Griesdorn. They owned an eighty acre farm near Sharpsburg. Ferd died on 07 Jul 1962 in Sharpsburg and is buried in St. Paul Cemetery there. Theresa continues to live in Sharpsburg.

Children of Ferdinand[5] H. and Theresa (Guggenbiller) Brunswick:

532 i. ALTON JOHN. (1928 - 1993). m. Norm Dawn Beaver. seven children.

533 ii. JOANNE. m. Jerome Kaiser. six children.

534 iii. MAURICE LAWRENCE. m. Alma Lucille Didier. seven children.

535 iv. MARCEIL ELIZABETH. m. Bernard L. Wilker. nine children.

536 v. MARK HENRY. m. Marylene Balster. three children.

537 vi. CAROL CAROLINE. m. Robert Evers. five children.

199. **Raymond[5] Anthony Brunswick** (*Maria Bernadina,[4] Magdalena,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Dec 1905 in Chickasaw Ohio. He worked in various factories included Minster Machine and Mersman Tables and the New Idea. On 04 May 1938 he married Elizabeth Agnes (Betty) Geier (b. 03 Mar 1907 St. Henry Ohio) in St. Henry Church. She was the daughter of John (1861 - 1928) and Rose (Mueller) (1865 - 1944) Geier. They owned an sixty two acre farm just northwest of St. Henry and reared their family there. Raymond died on 03 Nov 1987 and is buried in St. Henry Cemetery. Betty continues to live on the home farm.

Children of Raymond[5] A. and Elizabeth (Geier) Brunswick:

538 i. MARGARET MARY. m. Daniel Rinderle. five children.

539 ii. MARY ELLEN. m. David Reichert. two children.

540 iii. BARBARA JOSEPHINE. m. Alex Teglas.* two children.

541 iv. JANE HELEN. m. Ronald Moeller. three children.

200. **Elizabeth[5] Bernadine Weckenbrock** (*Barbara,[4] Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 Jun 1912 in Cincinnati Ohio. On 01 Aug 1936 she married Albert Reihs (b. 1911) in Cincinnati and lived at 393 Elberon Ave. They were members of St. Michael Parish. Elizabeth died 18 July 1944 and is buried in Old St. Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati. Albert married again but died in 1988 in Cincinnati. Their daughter moved to Memphis TN.

Children of Elizabeth[5] B. Weckenbrock and Albert Reihs:

542 i. LOIS ANN. m. Robert Naegele. three children.

201. **Florence[5] Marie Weckenbrock** (*Barbara,[4] Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 Jan 1914 in Cincinnati Ohio. She married Clarence Francis Kleeman in Cincinnati on 10 July 1937. He was the son of Louis A. Kleeman (1886 - 1976) and Lena K. (1883 - 1981). She was a homemaker and also a salesperson. Clarence died on 18 Feb1986 and is buried in St. Joseph Cem Cincinnati Ohio.

Child of Florence[5] M. Weckenbrock and Clarence F. Kleeman:

543 i. BETTY JEAN (SR. DENISE) O.S.B. (1941 - 1983)

204. **John[5] Frank Washburn (Jack)** (*John,[4] Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 08 Mar 1922 in Cincinnati Ohio. He married Edith Thomas (b. 04 Jul 1925) 20 Apr 1946 in Good Hope (Fayette Co) Ohio. John served in England during World War II. He was a laborer and lived in various areas of Cincinnati before moving to Milford Ohio. Edith died on 28 Sep 1973 and is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery Milford. John died on 07 Aug 1974 and is likewise buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

John F. Washburn (1922-1974)
20 Mar 1940. Photograph by Rensler, Cincinnati, Ohio

Children of John[5] F. and Edith (Thomas) Washburn:

544 i. CAROL ANN (1946 - 1973). m. John Butler. two children.

545 ii. JOHN FRANK (1950 - 1991). m. Teresa Linville. one child.

546 iii. RICHARD ALAN.

547 iv. DONALD LEE. m.Elizabeth J. McCaine.* one child.

548 iv. DAVID PAUL. m. Carol Sizemore. two children.

205. **Helen[5] Virginia Washburn** (*John,[4] Peter,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 12 Oct 1923 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On 09 Feb 1952 she married George Earl Tonnis (b. 20 Aug 1914) in Cincinnati. George was the son of George and Clara (Feldman) Tonnis. Helen was a salesperson and homemaker and George worked as a press operator for Formica Corporation. They were members of St. Vivians Parish. George died on 13 Aug 1991 and is buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Cincinnati. Helen continues to live in the North College Hill area of Cincinnati.

Children of Helen[5] V. Washburn and George Tonnis:

549 i. JOANN m. Mark Lozier. two children.

550 ii. BARBARA ANN m. Mike Kaiser. two children.

551 iii. ELAINE MARIE.

210. **Mary Ruth[5] Bernard** (*Joseph,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Aug 1916 in Maria Stein Ohio. She worked as a secretary. On 10 May 1941 she married Leo Henry Wendeln in St. John Church Maria Stein. Leo is the son of Frederick J. and Frances (Hanselman) Wendeln of Maria Stein. Leo worked for many years at the New Idea Company in Coldwater. Mary Ruth died 03 Oct 1985 and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery Coldwater Ohio. Leo married again for the second time to Geneva Thomas and they reside in Coldwater.

Children of Maria Ruth[5] Bernard and Leo H. Wendeln:

552 i. PATRICIA LEE. m. Gerald Koesters. three children.

553 ii. JANICE RUTH. m. James Boeke. four children.

554 iii. LINDA SUSAN. m. Donald Campbell.

211. **Cyril[5] August Bernard** (*Joseph,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 July 1921 in Maria Stein Ohio. On 06 Jul 1946 he married Alvina T. Leugers in St. Rose Church at St. Rose. She is the daughter of Herman H. and Leona (Huber) Leugers. Following the tradition of his father he engaged in the masonry and plastering contracting business which operates today in Maria Stein. All of their children are university graduates. Cyril and Alvina reside in Maria Stein.

Children of Cyril[5] A. and Alvina T. (Leugers) Bernard:

555 i. RICHARD CYRIL.

556 ii. ANN CHRISTINA. m. Ronald Puthoff. one child.

557 iii. THOMAS LEE. m. Lorraine Dietz. four children.

558 iv. DONALD HERMAN.

212. **Sophia[5] Matilda Bernard** (*Joseph,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 03 Jun 1924 in Maria Stein Ohio. After graduation from high school, she moved to Dayton Ohio where she attended business school and worked as a secretary at Delco Products. On 05 Oct 1946 she married William Arthur Ridenour (b. 22 Aug 1924 Dayton) in St. John Church Maria Stein. He Is the son of Edward and Evelyn (Klass) Ridenour of Dayton. William, a veteran of World War II, worked as a pressman at Standard Register Company. He retired in 1989 and they reside in Dayton.

Children of Sophia[5] M. Bernard and William A. Ridenour:

559 i. DONALD EDMUND.

560 ii. MICHAEL WILLIAM. m. Patricia Flahide.

561 iii. ROBERT JOHN. m. Janet Briggs.* one child. II. Joanne Sullivan.

562 iv. MARY MARGARET. m. Charles Alliaga.* three children.

563 v. KATHLEEN PRISCILLA. m. Michael Jones. three children. II. Michael L. Wallace.

213. **Walter[5] Roman Bernard** (*August,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Aug 1908 in Coldwater Ohio. After attending local schools he graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a A.B. degree in 1930 and Juris Doctor degree in 1932. On 02 Sep 1935 he married Aileen Courtney in Buffalo New York. She is the daughter of Daniel and Emma Courtney. They established their home in Celina where he has been engaged in the general practice of law. He served as Prosecuting Attorney for Mercer County from 1945 until 1953 and as Solicitor of Coldwater from 1934 until 1976. Now retired, Walter and Aileen continue to reside in Celina.

Children of Walter[5] R. and Aileen (Courtney) Bernard:

564 i. WALTER R. JR. (TERRY). m. Carol Sue Alasko. three children.

565 ii. SUSAN AILEEN (SR. PATRICK MARIE).

566 iii. NANCY LEE. m. Joseph S. Hebner. three children.

214. **Wilbur[5] Vincent Bernard** (*August,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 August 1912 in Coldwater Ohio. After completion of high school in Coldwater he attended Notre Dame University from which he graduated in 1935. He married Lotte Moyer (b. 1905) in 1936. He has been employed as a railroad engineer and resides in Chicago. Lotte died in 1971. He has since married Irene La France.

Children of Wilbur V. and Lotte (Moyer) Bernard:

567 i. ROSEMARY. m. Andrew Wendel. three children.

568 ii. RICKY.

569 iii. DONALD. m. Beverly ?.

215. **Mary[5] Johanna Bernard (aka Jane)** (*August,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 April 1917 in Coldwater Ohio. On 20 Nov 1941 she married Paul A.Weekley (b. 07 Dec 1917 Sarahsville Ohio) in Holy Trinity Church Coldwater. He was the son of Taylor and Verna (Mason) Weekley. She was a homemaker until 1967 when they established Thermo-molded Plastics Inc. and worked as office manager. They operated the factory until 1980. Currently retired, they reside in Kimbolton Ohio.

Children of Mary[5] J. Bernard and Paul A.Weekley:

570 i. CONNIE JANE. m. John Weber. two children.

571 ii. JUDY DIANNE. m. James Dansereau. four children.

572 iii. FAYE LYNN. m. David Mausser. two children.

216. **James[5] August Bernard** (*August,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born on 26 Aug 1923 in Coldwater Ohio. He graduated from Purdue University and worked as an research engineer with General Motors. He served in the armed services during World War II . On 23 August 1947 he married Patricia Zugger in Buffalo New York. She is the daughter of George and Mary (Courtney) Zugger. James is now retired and he and Patricia currently reside in Dayton Ohio.

Children of James[5] A. and Patricia (Zugger) Bernard:

573 i. CLAUDIA JEAN.

574 ii. KAREN SUE. m. Todd Samter. four children.

575 iii. DANIEL JAMES. m. Anita O'Cull. two children.

576 iv. REGINA ANN. m. John Rieter. three children.

577 v. MICHAEL GEORGE. m. Connie Cillen. three children.

578 vi. MARY ROSE. m. Vincent Luckoski. three children.

579 vii. THOMAS PATRICK. m. Mary Linden. four children.

580 viii. JAMES FRANCIS. m. Kathy Aker. one child.

581 ix. ELIZABETH ANN (aka BETSY).

582 x. PAUL GEORGE. m. Cara Pohlman.

220. **Leonard[5] Roman Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 27 August 1921 in St. Patrick Ohio. He graduated from Minster High School and from business college in Ft. Wayne IN and moved to Dayton Ohio. While there he met and married Rosalie Ann Thompson(b. 12 Oct 1923 Ft. Wayne IN) in Corpus Chirsti Church in Dayton on 09 Jun 1948. She is the daughter of Peter R. Thompson and Francis A. Rolapp. Rosalie was in nursing school at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. They continued to live in Dayton and Leonard owned a contracting and masonry business. He retired and moved to Florida in 1977 where he lived until his death on 12 Aug 1990 in Spring Hills. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. Rosalie continues to work in the nursing profession and resides in Spring Hills.

Children of Leonard[5] and Rosalie (Thompson) Hoying:

583 i. THERESA ANN. m. Melvin Metzler.* three children.

584 ii. JANETTE MARIE. m. William Dolinar.* four children.

585 iii. ANDREW STEPHEN. m. Susan Coates.

586 iv. JOSEPH LEONARD. m. Cheryle Bowers. two children.

587 v. GREGORY PAUL. m. Dianne Evers. two children.

588 vi. HELEN MARIE. m. Gerald Gornes. three children.

589 vii. JOHN FRANCIS. m. Donna Eberle. two children.

590 viii. NICHOLAS EDWARD.

591 ix. LORETTA LOUISE. m. Tery Netts. one child.

221. **Mildred[5] Marie Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 18 May 1922 in St. Patrick Ohio. She graduated from Coldwater High School and completed her nurses training at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton. She married Dr. George Jerome Schroer (b. 10 Sep 1921 Coldwater Ohio) on 28 Aug 1946. He is the son of Henry H. Schroer (1874 - 1963) and Rose Schlagheck(1886 - 1974). He served in the US Army during World War II and practiced medicine in Sidney and later Ft. Loramie. Mildred served as a nurse in his office. Mildred died on 13 Oct 1993 and is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Sidney. George resides in Sidney Ohio.

Children of Mildred[5] M. Hoying and George J. Schroer:

592 i. JEROME GEORGE. m. Kathleen O'Ryan. three children.

593 ii. THOMAS ANDREW. two children.

594 iii. WILLIAM HENRY. m. Gerri Wagner. three children.

595 iv. ANN ELIZABETH.

223. **Ethel[5] Marian Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 20 Dec 1924 in St. Patrick Ohio. She graduated from Minster High School as valedictorian in 1942 and Good Samaritan School of Nursing (1945) in Dayton Ohio. She married Edward Louis Braunlin (b. 18 Jul 1926 Dayton Ohio) in Holy Angels Church Dayton on 24 May 1950. He is the son of Edgar L. and Alice L. (Donahue) Braunlin. Ethel continued to practice nursing and her husband was a branch manager of a paper company. She retired in 1990 and they reside in Dayton Ohio.

Children of Ethel[5] M. Hoying and Edward L. Braunlin:

596 i. DANIEL EDWARD. m. Jeri Lynn Dowd. two children.

597 ii. KAREN LOUISE . m. Richard Hempstead. four children.

598 iii. MARK ANDREW. m. Christine Ross.

599 iv. PAUL PATRICK. m. Catherine Griffith. one child.

600 v. JAMES ALAN. m. Deanna Merritt.

224. **Irene[5] Corinne Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 27 Jul 1926. She graduated from Minster High School and moved to Dayton Ohio. She married John (Jack) James O' Connor (b. 02 Aug 1926 Xenia Ohio)on 01 Sep 1956 in Corpus Christi Church in Dayton. He is the son of John and Helen (Walsh) O'Connor. John worked as a railroad conductor and Irene as a homemaker and a medical office receptionist. Irene retired in 1988 and John is also retired. Both reside in Xenia Ohio.

Children of Irene[5] C. Hoying and John J. O'Connor:

601 i. TIMOTHY PATRICK. m. Theresa Owen. two children.

602 ii. CARMIL MARIE.

603 iii. PATRICK JOHN. m. Cynthia Rickert. two children.

604 iv. DENNIS ANDREW. m. Tracy Middleton.

605 v. LYNN MARIE. m. Mark McDonald. two children.

606 vi. ROSE MARIE. m. Allan Prater.

225. **Ivo[5] Francis Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 Mar 1928 in St. Patrick Ohio. He graduated from Minster High School in 1945. He married Georgianna Freda Larger (b. 26 Oct 1926 Ft. Loramie Ohio) on 24 Nov of 1959 in St. Michael Church in Ft. Loramie. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Larger and was a registered nurse. Ivo was a farmer and also worked in Dayton as an operating engineer. He was active in their parish and in the Knights of Columbus. Ivo's sudden death occurred on 07 Mar 1972 and is buried in St. Patrick Cemetery in St. Patrick. Georgianna returned to Wright State University where she completed additional graduate work. She also continued her hobbies of singing and producing artwork. Georgianna died on 27 Mar 1986 and is buried in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Children of Ivo[5] F. and Georgianna F.(Larger) Hoying:

607 i. MARGARET ELLEN (Twin). m. Thomas Lamb. two children.

608 ii. MARY ELIZABETH (Twin). m. Charles A. Brighan III .

609 iii. ANN MARIE. m. Thomas Ahrns.

610 iv. JANE LOUISE.

611 v. DONALD ANDREW. m. Diane Reed.

227. **Betty[5] Ruth Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 Nov 1932 in St. Patrick Ohio. Upon graduation from high school she entered the Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Dayton Ohio and completed her training there. On 01 Jun 1957 she married Leroy Paul Huelskamp (b. 07 Mar 1925 Ft. Recovery [St. Joe] Ohio) in St. Patrick Church. He is the son of Henry and Nora (Nieberding) Huelskamp and served in the US Navy during World War II. Leroy was an auto sales executive and Betty Ruth a homemaker. Both are retired and reside in Flint MI.

Children of Betty[5] R. Hoying and Leroy Huelskamp:

612 i. LUKE ALAN. m. Laura Counterman.

613 ii. MARY ANN. m. Randy Cox. four children.

614 iii. EDNA MARIE. m. David Hirzel. four children.

615 iv. RUTH ANN. m. Edward Councilor. two children.

616 v. PAUL JOSEPH. m. Kelly O'Brien.

617 vi. MARK HENRY.

618 vii. BETH ANN.

619 viii. JOHN ANDREW.

228. **Francis[5] Eugene Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 1936 in St. Patrick Ohio. He graduated from St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati in 1954 and attended St. Joseph College in Indiana. On 27 Aug 1960 he married Leola Jean Meyer (b. 26 Nov 1939 Russia Ohio)in St. Remy Church in Russia Ohio. She is the daughter of Henry and Elenora (Gehret) Meyer. Francis and Leola own a 112 acre dairy farm near Covington Ohio and are engaged in farming. Leola is a registered nurse and works in Piqua Ohio. They reside on their farm.

Children of Francis[5] E. and Leola J. (Meyer) Hoying:

620 i. JACQUELINE ANN. m. Roger Chaney*. two children. II. William Wattercutter. one child.

621 ii. PAMELA JEAN. m. Walter Horvath. three children.

622 iii. MICHAEL ANDREW. m. Janice Voisard. two children.

623 iv. MARK HENRY. m. Regina Grilliot. one child.

624 v. DAVID FRANCIS.

229. **Carl[5] Paul Hoying** (*Elizabeth,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 Jan 1938 in St. Patrick Ohio. He graduated from St. Gregory Seminary and continued coursework at the University of Dayton. On 28 Apr 1962 he married Mary Ellen Beatty(b. Dayton Ohio) in Holy Angels Church in Dayton. She is the daughter of James Denny Beatty and Beatrice Catherine Kelly. Carl worked as a building contractor and Mary operates a floral design business in Yellow Springs Ohio. Carl died on 23 Dec 1991 in Minster Ohio and is buried in St.Augustine Cemetery in Minster.

Children of Carl[5] P. and Mary Ellen (Beatty) Hoying :

625 i. JAY BEATTY. m. Deanna Hise. one child.

626 ii. ADAM MICHAEL. m. Donna Ogden. two children.

627 iii. NEAL ANTHONY.

628 iv. MOLLY ELIZABETH. m. Bruce Connor.

629 v. KATY ROSE.

630 vi. JESSICA IRENE.

230. **Clarence[5] Joseph Hoying (aka CJ)** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 27 Mar 1922 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 28 Apr 1945 he married Betty Gran at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Dayton Ohio. Betty is the daughter of Charles and Marvi (Welton) Gran. Clarence is a retired accountant and resides with Betty in Dayton Ohio.

Children of Clarence[5] J. and Betty (Gran) Hoying:

631 i. MICHAEL JAY. m. Frances Cooper.

632 ii. CAROL JO. m. Thomas Keltner. four children.

633 iii. GARY STEPHEN. m. Kimberly Walker. two children.

231. **Rosemary[5] Kathryn Hoying**(*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Oct 1923 in St. Patrick Ohio. She worked in Sidney Ohio in secretarial and labor positions. She married Roman Bernard Saalman on 07 May 1946 in St. Patrick Church. He was the son of Joseph and Catherine (Homan) Saalman. They were farmers and operated a 320 acre dairy farm. Roman died on 29 Mar 1980 and is buried in St. Marys Cemetery in Philothea Ohio. Rosemary resides in Coldwater Ohio.

Children of Rosemary[5] K. Hoying and Roman B. Saalman:

634 i. JOYCE ANN. m. Neal Muhlenkamp. four children.

635 ii. GLORIA JEAN. m. Herb Brackman Jr. two children.

636 iii. CLARENCE JOSEPH WILLIAM (aka BILL). m. Karen Moore* two children.

637 iv. JOSEPH JOHN (1951 - 1971)

638 v. MARILYN JANET. m. William Freytag.* two children.

639 vi. JACQUELINE SUSAN. m. Ronald Pohl. one child.

640 vii. GIRARD JOHN (aka GARY).

232. **Catherine[5] Elizabeth Hoying** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 16 Feb 1925 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 23 Feb 1957 she married James Abele (b.08 May 1926 Dayton) in St. Patrick Church. He is the son of Lawrence and Helen (Leonard) Abele. She is a secretary and homemaker. James is a retired educator. They reside in Kettering Ohio.

Children of Catherine[5] E. Hoying and James Abele:

641 i. JAMES JR. m. Mary Gibbons. one child.

642 ii. DENISE ANNE (Twin) . m. Matthew O' Connell. four children.

643 iii. DIANE MARIE (Twin) . m. Ted Hobson. one child.

644 iv. SUSAN. m. Patrick Ryan. two children.

645 v. PATRICIA. m. Jeff Willoughby. two children.

646 vi. DAVID GERARD. m. Kathy Pepa. one child.

647 vii. JOHN MICHAEL.

648 viii. KEVIN WILLIAM.

233. **Alvin[5] Joseph Hoying** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 Feb 1928 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 12 July 1952 he married Joan Wilkens in St. Augustine Church Minster Ohio. She is the daughter of Edward and Theresa (Sextro) Wilkens. He is a retired agricultural education teacher and Joan was a teaching assistant for disabled students. He and Joan reside in New Bremen Ohio.

Children of Alvin J. and Joan (Wilkens) Hoying:

649 i. THERESA ANN.

650 ii. AMY JO. m. Anthony Amato. one child.

651 iii. THEODORE WILLIAM. m. Molly O'Connor.

235. **Edward[5] John Hoying** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 Nov 1931 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 28 Aug 1954 he married Patricia L. Weaver (01 Jan 1935) in St. Augustine Church Minster Ohio. She is the daughter of Albert and Henrietta (Vondenhuebel) Weaver. Edward is a machine tool builder at Minster Machine Company. They reside on the original Hoying farm in St. Patrick Ohio.

Children of Edward[5] J. and Patricia L. (Weaver) Hoying:

652 i. STEVEN GIRARD. m. Catherine Poepplman. five children.

653 ii. NANCY ELAINE. m. Brian Fogt.

654 iii. GLEN MICHAEL.

236. **Veronica[5] Ann Hoying** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 Oct 1934 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 06 Oct 1956 she married Paul Clarence Perin (b. 06 Mar 1930 Newport Ohio) in St. Patrick Church. He is the son of John and Mary (Moorman) Perin. Paul owns a tool and die company. Veronica is a registered nurse and resides in Ft. Loramie Ohio.

Children of Veronica[5] A. Hoying and Paul C. Perin:

655 i. BEVERLY DIANE. m. Joseph Bornhorst. two children.

656 ii. GREGORY MICHAEL.

657 iii. LISA MARY. m. David Ruhenkamp. two children.

658 iv. MICHELLE KAY. m. Andrew Counts. two children.

237. **Cyril[5] William Hoying (aka Cy)** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 08 Sep 1937 in St. Patrick Ohio. On 17 July 1965 he married Bonnie Lou Berwager (b. 07 Nov 1945 Dayton) in St. Anthony Church Dayton Ohio. She is the daughter of Carl and Willetta (Davis) Berwager. Cy is a barber and hair stylist in Centerville and Bonnie is a waitress. They reside in West Carrollton Ohio.

Children of Cyril[5] W. and Bonnie L. (Berwager) Hoying:

659 i. DEBRA RENE'. m. Donald Kent Bierley. one child.

660 ii. BRYAN GILBERT.

661 iii. JANINE MARIE. m. William Rowland. one child.

662 iv. JARED WILLIAM.

238. **Margie[5] Rose Hoying** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 16 Jan 1942 in St. Patrick Ohio. She married Ted H. Thieman on 13 Jun 1964 in St. Augustine Church in Minster Ohio. He is the son of Joseph and Alvina (Fischer) Thieman. She is an elementary teacher and Ted is an independent businessperson. She lives in Kettering Ohio.

Children of Margie[5] R. Hoying and Ted H. Thieman*:

663 i. SHERRI RENEE.

664 ii. MICHAEL WILLIAM.

665 iii. LORI SUSAN.

666 iv. LISA LYNN.

239. **Joan Susan[5] Hoying (aka Sue)** (*Regina,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born in St. Patrick Ohio on 12 Feb 1945. On 10 Jun 1967 she married Lester John Prenger (b. 27 Feb 1940 Minster) in St. Augustine Church Minster Ohio. Lester is the son of John and Anna(Meyer) Prenger . Sue is a registered nurse at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney Ohio and Lester is a banking official at the Minster Bank. They reside in Minster Ohio.

Children of Joan Susan[5] Hoying and Lester J. Prenger:

667 i. TINA MARIE m. Rick Urbanowicz.

668 ii. MARK WILLIAM.

669 iii. ERIC JOHN.

241. **Carl[5] Leo Hamburger** (*Estelle,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 15 Mar 1915 in Celina Ohio. Carl graduated from Columbia High School in 1933 and worked for the railroad in Columbia. He married Mary Eleanor Watson (b.13 Jun 1920 Sellers -Marion Cty SC) on 10 Jun 1940 in St. Peters Church Columbia SC. She is the daughter of Furman Bee Watson (1864-1933) and Martha Lanier (Linnie) Bond (1876-1970). Carl continued working for the railroad until abt 1943 where he began in sales of electrical supplies. Eleanor is a homemaker. Both are retired and reside in Columbia.

Children of Carl[5] L. and Mary E. (Watson) Hamburger:

670 i. MARY LYNN. m. Edward J. Gully.

671 ii. KATHERINE PATRICIA. m. Joseph L. Smith. two children.

672 iii. ELEANOR CAROL. m. James V. Caggiano. two children. II Gaylord Perry.

673 iv. MARTHA ANN. m. David A. Spotts. two children.

674 v. ALICE ELIZABETH. m. Frank K. Sloan. two children.

675 vi. ESTELLA MARIA. m. Samuel M. Hazel. three children.

676 vii. DONALD JOSEPH. m. Elinor L. Cardwell (1949-1985). II. Frances E. Dennis. two children.

677 viii. CHARLES DAVID. m. Stacey A. Dalton. one child.

243. **Paul[5] Roman Hamburger** (*Estelle,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 30 Oct 1920 in Celina Ohio. He graduated from Columbia High School in 1937. From 1942 until 1945 he served in the US Air Force and was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Base in Dayton Ohio. He married Eolene Melichamp Bradford (b. 07 Mar 1927 Columbia SC) in St. Peters Church Columbia SC on 06 Nov 1948. She is the daughter of William Sloan Bradford (1902-1960) and St. Lo Andrews Bradford (b. 1905 - 1983). Eolene worked in various offices and has worked as a homemaker. Paul has been in the antique restoration business and has been retired since 1985. They reside in Columbia.

Children of Paul[5] R. and Eolene (Bradford) Hamburger.

678 i. MARGARET MARY. m. Jerrold Loignon. three children.

679 ii. JOHN BRADFORD. m. Joanne Cowherd. three children.

680 iii. EVELYN MARIE. m. Richard Abernathy. two children.

681 iv. ROBERT BERNARD. m. Pam Gamble.* one child. II. Kim Bouchette.* one child. III. Trish Smith.

682 v. KATHRYN ANNE. m. David Bull. two children.

244. **Marian[5] Frances Giere** (*Eulalia,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 Mar 1922 in Coldwater Ohio. She attended nursing school at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and worked as a registered nurse in that city. She married H. Thomas Brown (b. 26 Apr 1925 Hamilton Ohio) in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater on 24 Nov 1949. He was the son of Harlan T. Brown and Anna M. Hansberger and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He is an attorney in Cincinnati. They are active parishioners at Our Lady of Visitation Church in Mack Ohio. Both are semi-retired and reside in Mack, suburb of Cincinnati.

Children of Marian[5] F. Giere and H. Thomas Brown:

683 i. KATHERINE ANN. m. Gregory Eggert. * one child. II. David Currier.

684 ii. WILLIAM THOMAS. m. Nancy Sudermeister. two children.

685 iii. CAROL MARIE.

686 iv. JAMES RAYMOND.

687 v. MARILYN JEAN. m. Robert Rothring.

688 vi. ROBERT LOUIS.

245. **Helen[5] Mary Giere** (*Eulalia,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 04 Jun 1924 in Coldwater Ohio. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1942 and continued her nursing education at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton graduating in 1945. On 28 May 1948 she married Jay Carrith Dotson. He is the son of Dell and Mabel Dotson. Jay worked in the mining engineering profession and has taught in several universities. Helen worked as a homemaker. They currently reside in Tucson AZ and travel extensively.

Children of Helen[5] M. Giere and Jay C. Dotson:

689 i. RITA (1949 - 1949).

690 ii. ROBERT NELSON. m. M. Patricia Strahn. four children.

691 iii. DAVID DELL. m. Karen V. Kahn.* two children. II. Monica Grenier Safranek (two children).

692 iv. JAY CARROLL. m. Joan Glenn. two children.

693 v. MARK ANDREW. Jennifer Drake.

246. **Elizabeth[5] Ann Giere (aka Betty)** (*Eulalia,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 May 1927 in Coldwater Ohio. She graduated with honors from Coldwater High School in 1945 and briefly attended the University of Dayton. She worked in Dayton and also at the New Idea Company in Coldwater. On 04 Feb 1948 she married Dane Lamar Brookhart (b. 14 Apr 1927 Mercer Cty Ohio) in Coldwater. He was the son of Lawrence D. and Jenny (Kerns) Brookhart. Dane retired from the New Idea in 1990. He died on 26 Nov 1993 at their Coldwater home. Elizabeth is a homemaker and resides in Coldwater.

Children of Elizabeth[5] A. Giere and Dane L. Brookhart:

694 i. CURTIS JOSEPH. m. Ruth G. Hein. five children.

695 ii. CRAIG LAMAR. m. Nancy E. Rash. one child.

696 iii. DOUGLAS DANE. m. Marjorie A. Hemmelgarn Leonhardt. (three children).

697 iv. DALE ANTHONY. m. Debra L. Hein. three children.

698 v. ROY VINCENT. m. Cristine A. Baumer. two children.

699 vi. GAIL ELIZABETH.

700 vii. ANITA LOUISE. m Alan Jens Olson. two children.

701 viii. BARBARA ANN. one child.

247. **Charles[5] Henry Bernard** (*Clarence,[4] John Henry,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born in 30 Jun of 1923 in St. Marys Ohio. He was a machinist at Goodyear Rubber Company in St. Marys. On 14 Jun 1947 he married Mary Ann Wehrkamp(b. Carthagena Ohio) in St. Aloysius Church Carthagena. She is the daughter of Frederick Wehrkamp and Cecilia Osterfeld. Charles and Mary Ann resided in St. Marys. Mary Ann also worked in the Credit Office at Goodyear. Charles died suddenly of a heart attack on 17 Sep 1973 in St. Marys Ohio and is buried in Gethsemane Cemetery located there. Mary Ann later married Henry (Hank) Keller and continues to reside in St. Marys.

Children of Charles[5] H. and Mary A. (Wehrkamp) Bernard:

702 i. MICHAEL LEE. m. Shirley Ann Poeppelman. four children.

703 ii. MICHELLE ANN (aka MICKEY). m. Lindsey Miller. one child.

248. **Stanley[5] Emerson Bernard** (*George,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 May 1926 in St. Henry Ohio. He married Adelle Mae Meyer (b. 02 Dec 1929 Egypt Ohio) on 23 Apr 1949 St. Augustine Church Minster. She is the daughter of Anton Meyer and Catherine Schmiesing. Stan is a retired businessperson having owned a cafe in Piqua Ohio. Adelle is also a retired bookkeeper. They reside in Piqua.

Children of Stanley E. and Adelle M. (Meyer) Bernard:

704 i. SANDRA LYNN. m. Robert Black. four children.

705 ii. MICHAEL LEE. m. Susan Cary. two children.

706 iii. JOHN PATRICK. m. Susan Bell. one child.

249. **Merlin [5] Joseph Bernard** (*George,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 30 May 1929 in St. Henry Ohio. On 07 Oct 1950 he married Mary Ellen Gaier (b. 26 Dec 1929 Ft Loramie) in St. Michael Church Ft. Loramie Ohio. She is the daughter of Albert Gaier and Ida Mertz. Merlin and Mary live on the original Henry Fischer farm east of Minster Ohio which they continue to farm.

Children of Merlin[5] and Mary (Gaier) Bernard:

707 i. GARY JOSEPH . m. Marjorie Westerheide. five children.

708 ii. WILLIAM GERARD. m. Sherry Giere. three children.

709 iv. ROBERT GERARD. m. Jeanne Woods. two children.

250. **Mary[5] LaRue Buehler** (*George,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 June 1933 in St. Henry Ohio. On 04 Sep 1954 she married Leo Robert Buehler (b. 06 Jun 1927 McCartyville Ohio) in St. Augustine Church Minster Ohio. He is the son of Raymond Buehler and Dorothy Meyer. They were farmers and farmed a 200 acre farm upon which their son now lives. Leo is retired and Mary works part time for the public schools. They currently reside in Kettlersville Ohio.

Children of Mary[5] L. Bernard and Leo R. Buehler:

710 i. PHILIP LEE. m. Joan M. Eilerman. five children.

711 ii. JEFFREY ROBERT. m. Jill E. Smith. five children.

712 iii. STEVEN GEORGE. m. Alejandra Rodriguez. one child.

713 iv. JOAN MARY. m. Michael C. Prueter. two children.

714 v. TERESA MARIE. m. Benjamin J. Harshbarger. two children.

715 vi. DAVID ANDREW.

251. **Cletus[5] Marion Bernard** (*Frank,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 02 Sep 1913. He married Regina Bernadine Dirksen (b. 29 May 1915 Maria Stein). She is the daughter of Harry and Mary (Tuente) Dirksen. He was an independent truckdriver and hauled milk. In later years he worked for a tire company in Greenville Ohio. Cletus died suddenly of a heart attack on 10 Dec 1968. He is buried in St. Louis Cemetery (Delvin) near North Star Ohio. Regina works in food preparation at a local restaurant and resides in Greenville.

Children of Cletus[5] M. and Regina (Dirksen) Bernard:

716 i. DONALD JAMES. m. Patricia McClellan. one child.

717 ii. KENNETH JEROME. m. Norma L. Grow. two children.

252. **Arthur[5] Raymond Bernard** (*Frank,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 05 Apr 1915. He began working at Pet Milk Company in Coldwater when it was constructed. On 13 Aug 1938 He married Margaret Barton (b. 19 Jul 1917 Frenchtown Ohio). She was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Matthieu) Barton. During World War II, Arthur served in the US Army and was in the Philippines. He returned to Coldwater and to the Pet Milk Company where he did milk testing and Margaret worked in Reynolds Factory in Celina Ohio. After working 40 years at the Pet Milk Company, Arthur died 17 Sep 1986 in Coldwater and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery located there. Margaret remarried on 19 May 1990 to Lester

Wenning and is residing in Ft. Recovery Ohio.
Children of Arthur[5] R. and Margaret (Barton) Bernard:

718 i. MARY JANE. m. Dennis Freeman. two children.

719 ii. SHIRLEY ANN. m. Jesse Steinke. four children.

253. **Lester[5] William Bernard** (*Frank,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 Jun 1920. He married Sylvia Emily Monnin (b. 25 Feb 1920 Versailles Ohio) in St. Remy Church Russia Ohio on 09 Aug 1940. She is the daughter of Augustine C. and Louise (Phlipot) Monnin. Lester served in the US Army during World War II serving as a cadre sergeant. After the War he worked as metal finisher and Sylvia worked in the area of electronics manufacturing. He died suddenly of a heart attack on 24 Jan 1982 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua, Ohio. Sylvia, who retired in 1980, married Leo C. Schulte and resides in Piqua.

Children of Lester[5]W. and Sylvia E. (Monnin) Bernard:

720 i. ORVILLE ROBERT. m. Linda Roth. two children.

721 ii. ROGER WILLIAM. m. Verna Jeanne Farley. two children.

722 iii. SANDRA LEE. m. Douglas Manson. three children.

723 iv. DANA LOUISE (Twin) . (1947-1947).

724 v. DONNA KAY (Twin). m. Carl Mote. two children.

254. **Louis[5] John Bernard** (*Frank,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 Jan 1926. he attended Sidney High School but interrupted his studies to serve in the War. At the age of seventeen he entered military service. He married Jeanice Juanita Carr (b. 08 Jan 1929 Ft Worth TX) on 03 Oct 1945 in Williams Field Air Force Base in AZ. She is the daughter of Orville W. (b.1906) and Elsie (Allen)(1907-1991) Carr. Louis began his career as a police officer in 1948 in Sidney Ohio worked there until his retirement in 1978. Under his director the Sidney Police Department initiated the first breathlyzer test in Ohio. He also has served as a a real estate broker since 1972. Jeanice has been director of the county board of elections for Shelby County. They reside in Sidney Ohio.

Child of Louis[5] J. and Jeanice J. (Carr) Bernard:

725 i. JULIA ANN. m. Peter R. Nuth.

255. **Clarence[5] Leon Huwer** (*Mary,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 31 Mar 1919 in St. Marys Ohio. He moved to Dayton Ohio. There he married Sarah Lee Banta(b. 12 Mar 1919 Davenport IA) on Jan 12 1944. She was the daughter of Homer and Louise (Nauerth) Banta. During World War II he served in the US Army in New Zealand. Clarence was a funeral director having graduated from the College of Mortuary Science in Cincinnati. He was initially associated with Banta Funeral Home in Dayton but later joined with Meyer and Boehmer Funeral Home. He and Sarah were members of St. Anthony Parish in Dayton. Clarence died suddenly on 05 Oct 1978 of congestive heart failure and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. Sarah died in Jan of 1982.

Children of Clarence[5] L. and Sarah L. (Banta) Huwer:

726 i. DOUGLAS EUGENE (Twin).

727 ii. CLAUDIA JEAN (Twin). m. Dale Kremer.* three children.

728 iii. MARILYN KAY. m. Dave Grube.* two children.

729 iv. BRUCE FREDERICK.

730 v. MARK EDWARD. m. Julia Alyea. four children.

731 vi. JAN MARIE. m. Mark Sherry. two children.

256. **Ralph[5] Daniel Huwer** (*Mary,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Oct 1920 in St. Marys Ohio. After graduation from Memorial High School in 1939 in St. Marys he worked in his parents' restaurant and in various factories On 13 Apr 1940 he married Mary Helen Roebuck (b. 22 Mar 1921 St. Marys) . She was the daughter of Rollo and Stella (Millisor) Roebuck. Mary did office work and Ralph worked at the Goodyear Rubber Co from which he retired in 1979. Mary died 07 Sep 1985 in Belleview FL where they resided. She is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ocalo FL Ralph married Ruth Ann Makely on 28 Mar 1987 in St. Marys. They reside in Florida and St. Marys.

Children of Ralph[5] D. and Mary H. (Roebuck) Huwer:

732 i. KAREN LOUISE. m. Allen Taylor.* one child.

733 ii. RICHARD ALLEN. m. Susan ? .* two children.

734 iii. JEAN ANN. m. William Harmon. two children.

735 iv. RITA MARIE.

736 v. SUSAN m. Dennis Adams.* one child. II. Thomas Norman.* one child.

737 vi. WILLIAM KEVIN. m. Janet ?.

257. **Harold[5] William Huwer** (*Mary,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Mar 1927 in St. Marys Ohio. Upon graduation from Memorial High School in St. Marys he served in the US Army Air Corps and was stationed in Iceland. After returning to the United States he enrolled in the College of Mortuary Science in Cincinnati from which he graduated in 1950. On 25 November 1950 he married Evelyn Louise Williams (b. 17 Dec 1926 Seco KY) in Dayton Ohio. She is the daughter of Madison and Alta (Dyer) Williams. Harold worked several years as a funeral director but was later employed in sales with Allied Moving. Evelyn is a registered nurse. He retired in Apr 1989 in Kettering Ohio.

Children of Harold[5] W. and Evelyn (Williams) Huwer:

738 i. MICHAEL WILLIAM.

739 ii. LISA MICHELLE. m. Robert Steinberg. two children.

258. **Charles[5] Edward Huwer (aka Chuck)** (*Mary,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Apr 1928 in St. Marys Ohio. While in high school Chuck played on the first All Ohio Football Team held in Toledo . Upon graduation from Memorial High School in 1946, he attended Ohio State University with a football scholarship. Chuck played professional baseball as outfielder with the Cleveland Indians from 1947 until 1951. During other times he worked at Goodyear Rubber Company and tended bar at his parents' cafe. On 06 Feb 1949 he married Dorothy Jane Huenke (b. 03 Sep 1929 New Bremen Ohio). She is the daughter of William M. and Clara E. (Heil) Huenke. In 1962 he established Huwer's Sporting Goods store at 121 E. Spring St. in St. Marys. Dorothy with him in the business. In 1980 he retired and sold the business. Chuck was also inducted in the Ft. Wayne Baseball Hall of Fame. He and Dorothy currently reside in St. Marys.

Children of Charles[5] E. and Dorothy (Huenke) Huwer:

740 i. GEOFFRY WILLIAM. m. Betsy Toefler. three children.

741 ii. JULIA KAY. m. Donald Graves. two children.

742 iii. CRAIG CHARLES. m. Beth MacNamara.

260. **Ella[5] Mae Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 20 Apr 1917 in St. Henry Ohio. She began working in the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater. On 21 Nov 1940 she married Sylvester John Hoyng (b. 31 Dec 1913 Coldwater Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He was the son of Frank Hoyng (1882 - 1909) and Eleanora Selhorst (1887 - 1957). Sylvester was in the printing and publishing business in Coldwater and Ella Mae a homemaker. Sylvester died on 28 April 1956 in Coldwater and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery there. Ella married again on 16 Nov 1959 to Henry Lawrence Bruns (b. 03 Mar 1901 St. Henry) He was the son of Henry Bruns and Mary Rosenbeck and a electrical mechanic by profession. Henry died on 20 Dec 1960 and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Ella married Anthony Gaier (b. 28 Oct 1908 Ft. Loramie) on 14 Feb 1962. He died of 05 Aug 1993. She currently resides on their farm near Ft. Loramie Ohio with their son Elton. They are parents of another son Myron who is married to the former Dianne Bertke.

Child of Ella[5] M. Bernard and Henry L. Bruns:

743 i. VIRGINIA ANN. m. Larry Esser. two children.

Ella Mae (Bernard) Gaier and Urban Bernard

261. **Wilma[5] Rose Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 Mar 1919 in St. Henry Ohio. After high school Wilma did housekeeping for the Harold Romer family in Coldwater Ohio. On 14 Jun 1943 she married Arthur John Gels (b. 22 Apr 1920 St. Henry) in St. Andrews Cathedral in Grand Rapids MI. He is the son of Aloys and Anna (Selhorst) Gels of St. Henry. Arthur was a partner in the family locker and milk business and Wilma was a homemaker. After living many years in St. Henry, they moved to Celina Ohio where they reside today.

Children of Wilma[5] R. Bernard and Arthur J. Gels:

744 i. JOHN RANDALL (aka JACK). m. Barbara Dirkson. three children.

745 ii. JAMES ARTHUR. m. Carol Handren. two children.

746 iii. KAREN MARIE. m. Thomas Watts. one child.

747 iv. KATHLEEN ANN.

262. **Ruth[5] Mary Ann Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 20 Oct 1920 in St. Henry Ohio. After high school Ruth worked as a playground supervisor in St. Henry and also at the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater Ohio. On 08 Nov 1941 she married Robert Aloysius Seitz (b.20 Sep 1918 Cranberry Prairie) in St. Henry Church He is the son of John and Clara (Steinbrunner) Seitz. They moved to Dayton in 1941 and Robert became a plumber and eventually the owner and partner of the plumbing shop. Ruth is a homemaker. They belong to Immaculate Conception Parish in Dayton. Robert retired in 1982 and they continue to reside in Dayton.

Children of Ruth[5] M. Bernard and Robert A. Seitz:

748 i. SHARON ANN. m. Ronald Hinton. three children. II. Donald Roy Orth.

749 ii. DAVID ROBERT. m. Susan Marie Guethlen. three children.

750 iii. MICHAEL ANTHONY. m. Cheryl Louise Peters. two children.

751 iv. REBECCA MARIE.

752 v. PAULA MARIE. m. Mark Law. one child.

753 vi. CHRISTOPHER JOHN. m. Sue Ann Hahn. two children.

754 vii. JOSEPH WILLIAM. m. Julie Beach. three children.

264. **Elmer[5] John Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 14 Dec 1924 in St. Henry Ohio. Initially Elmer worked on the farm and then was in the US Army during World War II and was stationed in Japan. On 06 Feb 1953 he married Mary Lou Harner in St. Henry. She is the daughter of Jesse and Irma (Harris) Harner. Though skilled as a bartender Elmer began work at the Gels Locker and Milk Company in St. Henry where he spent the rest of his career. Mary has worked in various places and is currently employed at the local hospital. Elmer retired in 1989. They reside in St. Henry.

Children of Elmer[5] J. and Mary L. (Harner) Bernard:

755 i. JAMES ANTHONY. m. Cindy Hemmelgarn. three children.

756 ii. JOHN WILLIAM.

757 iii. JO ANN. m. Daniel DeCarlo.

758 iv. JUDITH MARIE. m. James Cosgrove. two children.

265. **Florence[5] Mary Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 09 Jan 1927 in St. Henry Ohio. She married William Joseph Ferris (b. 08 Jan 1926 St. Marys Ohio) on 23 Aug 1947 in St. Henry Church. He was the son of William E. and Joanna (Bocke) Ferris. William was in sales of heating and air conditioning units and Florence is a homemaker. He retired in 1987. William died 02 Dec 1989 and is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Columbus. Flo resides in Grove City Ohio.

Children of Florence[5] M. Bernard and William J. Ferris:

759 i. PATRICIA LYNN. m. Michael Perone. one child.

760 ii. SUSAN KAY.

761 iii. SANDRA JEAN. m. Charles Dearth. three children.

762 iv. MICHAEL JOSEPH.

763 v. STEVEN JOSEPH. m. Kelly Mullin.

764 vi. DAVID JOSEPH.

765 vii. BARBARA ANN. m. Fred Pinson.* two children.

766 viii. RICHARD JOSEPH.

266. **Margaret[5] Mary Bernard (aka Peg)** (Twin) (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 10 Jan 1929 in St. Henry Ohio. She worked as a secretary at the New Idea Company in Coldwater. There she met her future husband. On 26 Feb 1949 she married William Neal Wolf (b: 11 Oct 1926 Richmond IN) in St. Henry Church. He is the son of Clarence and Glendola (Hoyng) Wolf. Bill worked in the capacity of manager at the J & M Manufacturing Company in Ft. Recovery Ohio and Margaret is a homemaker. He retired in 1990 and they continue to reside in Ft. Recovery.

Children of Margaret[5] M. Bernard and William N. Wolf:

767 i. KATHLEEN ANN. m. Joseph Fennig. two children.

768 ii. WILLIAM JR. (1951 - 1970).

769 iii. MARY JANE. m. Henry Faller(#383). four children.

770 iv. JOHN MICHAEL. m. Kathleen Roberts. two children.

771 v. CHARLES JOSEPH. m. Rebecca Roberts. four children.

772 vi. DAVID ROBERT. m. Virginia Will.

773 vii. CYNTHIA SUSAN. m. Anthony Hoying. three children.

774 viii. BETH ANN. m. Jay Frilling.

775 ix. STEVEN PATRICK. m. Amy Dunham.

268. **Ann[5] Lavon Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 29 June 1930 in St. Henry Ohio. After graduation from high school in 1948 she worked in the office at the New Idea Company in Coldwater. She married Louis Raymond Brunswick on 04 Oct 1950 (b. 12 Dec 1929 St. Wendelin Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He was the son of Lawrence and Stella (Reichert) Brunswick. Louis had played three seasons of pro baseball with the Chicago Cubs. They lived in St. Henry until 1964 when they moved to Coldwater. Ann is a homemaker and Louis a a retired teacher and coach. They reside in Coldwater.

Children of Ann[5]L. Bernard and Louis R. Brunswick:

776 i. JANE MARIE. m. William Simon.* two children. II. Daniel Diller.

777 ii. MARY KATHERINE. m. Gregory Peitsmeyer. two children.

778 iii. THOMAS JOSEPH. m. Peggy Heinrichs. two children.

779 iv. CAROL ANN. m. Douglas Fisher. two children.

780 v. MARK ANTHONY m. Gay Knapke.

781 vi. JEFFREY SCOTT.

782 vii. AMY JO.

269. **Joan[5] Mae Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*)) was born 17 Aug 1932 in St. Henry Ohio. After graduation from high school she worked in the office of the New Idea Company in Coldwater Ohio. She married Gregor Arnold Hausfeld (b. 12 Sep 1930 Maria Stein Ohio) on 20 Feb 1954 in St. Henry Church. He is the son of Leo Hausfeld(1894 - 1975) and Armella Eifert (1899 - 1968). They originally lived in St. Henry but moved to St .Marys in 1960. Joan is a homemaker and Greg is a retired insurance executive. They reside in St. Marys Ohio.

Children of Joan[5] M. and Gregor A. Hausfeld:

783 i. JANICE MARIE. m. Donald James Vanderhorst. three children.

784 ii. DAVID GREGOR. m. Sandra Sue Baughman. two children.

785 iii. CHARLES ANTHONY. m. Marga Regina Barnowski. two children.

786 iv. JOHN LEO. m. Jacqueline Lynne Schreiner. two children.

787 v. WILLIAM JOSEPH.

270. **Jane[5] Kathryn Bernard** (*Anthony,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 28 Nov 1934 in St. Henry Ohio. After graduation from high school she worked in the offices of the New Idea in Coldwater Ohio. On 03 Sep 1956 she married Walter John Uhlenhake (b. 17 Jun 1932 St. Wendelin Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He is the son of Bernard and Frances (Feltz) Uhlenhake. In addition to homemaking, Jane attended the University of Dayton where she received her degrees in education. She is now teaching special education classes for the Dayton Public Schools. Walter works in the area of sales/marketing for the Pillsbury Corporation. They reside in Beavercreek Ohio.

Children of Jane[5] Kathryn Bernard and Walter John Uhlenlake:

788 i. JEFFREY WALTER . m. Luisa Aracri. two children.

789 ii. ANN ELIZABETH. m. John B. Weigand. one child.

790 iii. GREGORY JEROME.

791 iv. MICHAEL ANTHONY.

271. **Beulah[5] Marie Schwieterman** (*Clara,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 29 Jan 1917 in Montezuma Ohio. After graduation from high school she worked in a cigar factory. On 03 Sep 1938 she married Ernest Isaiah Nolan Jr (Bud)(b. 24 Nov 1916) in Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys Ohio. He is the son of William E. Nolan and Hazel Younger. They moved to Columbus Ohio but during World War II, when Ernest was in the military, Beulah returned to St. Marys. Beulah worked for various companies in St. Marys area . Ernest was employed as a tool maker for the government arsenal. They moved to Center Line MI in 1957 and remained there until Bud's retirement in 1975 after thirty years with the federal government. They returned to St. Marys and continue to reside there. Beulah continues her hobby in craftmaking.

Children of Beulah[5] M. Schwieterman and Ernest I. Nolan Jr:

792 i. CAROL LYNN. m. William G. Holtzhauer. three children.

793 ii. ERNEST ISAIAH III. m. Florence Koernke. two children.

272. **Lowell[5] Julius A. Schwieterman** (*Clara,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 25 May 1919 in Montezuma Ohio. He married Jean Elizabeth Hunter (b. 25 Nov 1920 Dayton Ohio) on 16 July 1941 in Covington KY. She is the daughter of Charles and Daisy (Gigandet) Hunter. They purchased a farm near Mendon Ohio and briefly farmed it. In 1950 they moved to Chester SC and purchased a small farm there. Lowell was also manager of the radiology department at the Chester County Hospital. He was very active in civic affairs serving on the local county council and in local Democratic politics. Jean worked in the nursing profession and also as a homemaker. He died suddenly of a heart attack on 08 Feb `1982 in Chester. He is buried in Chester Memorial Gardens located there. His wife Jean continues to resides in Richburg SC.

Child of Lowell A. and Jean (Hunter) Schwieterman:

794 i. WINIFRED EILEEN (JAKIE). m. Richard Benson.* one child. Robert E. Baker*. one child.

273. **Norma[5] Pauline Schwieterman** (*Clara,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 06 Mar 1922 in Montezuma Ohio. Upon graduation from high school in St. Marys she worked for the Goodyear Rubber Company in St. Marys Ohio She married John Anthony Zink(b. 18 Aug 1921 St. Marys) on 24 Aug 1952 in Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys . He is the son of Lloyd and Helen (Boysell) Zink of St. Marys. Norma is a homemaker and John is a oral surgeon. They reside in Lima Ohio and spend their winters in Florida.

Children of Norma[5] P. Schwieterman and John A. Zink:

795 i. JEAN ANNETTE (Twin).

796 ii. JANICE ANN (Twin). m. David Pohman.

797 iii. SUSAN JAYNE.

798 iv. JOHN ANTHONY. m. Kimberly Paterno. two children.

274. **Lloyd[5] Bernard Schwieterman** (*Clara,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 27 May 1926 in Montezuma Ohio. During World War II he served in the US Army and completed a duty tour of Europe. Returning from the service he worked at Mersman Table Company in Celina and also worked with his brother Lowell on his farm near Mendon Ohio. On 30 Apr 1949 he married Lois Cecil Harris in St. Marys Ohio. She was the daughter of George William Harris and Vera Lucille Burden. Lloyd continued farming part time but also became involved in construction work which he supervised. He enjoyed music and spent much time training, riding horses and participating in wagon trains. He died on 06 Jan 1984 in Dayton Ohio and is buried in the Buckland Cemetery in Buckland Ohio. Lois, who worked in

in the Buckland Cemetery in Buckland Ohio. Lois, who worked in real estate and insurance sales, is retired and resides in Lima Ohio. Children of Lloyd[5] B. and Lois (Harris) Schwieterman:

799 i. LINDA LOU . m. Delmar Jay Shadley.* one child. II. Thomas Murray.

800 ii. LANDA LYNN . m. William McGrath.* two children. II. David Tominson. one child.

801 iii. LAURA LEE. m. Louis Clementz. two children.

802 iv. LUANN. one child. m. Donald Harbert.* one child. II. James Everett.

275. **Edna[5] Rose Bernard** (*William,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 13 Sep 1927 in St. Henry Ohio. After graduation from St. Henry High School in 1945 she worked at the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater Ohio. On 23 Oct 1948 she married John Harold Fox (b.18 Oct 1920 Coldwater Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He is the son of Edward H. Fox (1884 - 1962) and Edith J. Schoen (1890 - 1931). He served in the US Air Force in Europe during World War II. Edna remained working at the Buckeye Company until the birth of their daughter in 1953. John is a retired foreman from Pax Steel Products and they reside in St. Henry.

Child of Edna[5] R. Bernard and John H. Fox:

803 i. DEBORAH ANN. m. Victor Leo Hemmelgarn. three children.

276. **Norman[5] George Bernard (aka Rocky)** (*William,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 18 Oct 1930 in St. Henry Ohio. Upon graduation from high school Norman tended bar in Chick's Place in St. Henry worked for the New Idea Company in Coldwater Ohio. He served in the US Army in Korea during the Korean Conflict and upon

his return to civilian life in 1953 he returned to the New Idea Company. He tended bar to supplement his income. On 12 Nov 1955 he married Ruth Rose Fink (b. 20 May 1933 Burkettsville Ohio) in St. Bernard Church Burkettsville Ohio. She is the daughter of Victor J. Fink (1903 -1970) and Rose C. Sandrell (1905 -1948) and was a bank cashier. Rocky recently retired from Copeland Manufacturing in Sidney after over 37 years of service. He continues his hobbies of following sporting events, cooking, and hunting and fishing and reside on their farm near New Weston Ohio.

Children of Norman[5] G. and Ruth R. (Fink) Bernard:

804 i. KAREN MAE. m. Juan Mayorga. one child.

805 ii. DALE ALLEN. m. Stacy J. Campbell. three children.

806 iii. PATRICIA ANN. m. Kevin Hicks.

807 iv. CYNTHIA LOUISE. m. Jeffrey V. Moeder. three children.

808 v. KARLA KAY.

809 vi. GARY WILLIAM.

277. **Lillian[5] Mae Bernard** (*William,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 26 Aug 1933 in St. Henry Ohio. She worked at Mersman Table Company in Celina Ohio until her marriage to Eugene Julius Sherman (b. 16 Sep 1924 Ft. Loramie Ohio) in St. Henry Church on 30 Jul 1955. He was the son of Herman (1884-1955) and Caroline (1893-1980) Sherman. Lillian worked as a cafeteria manager and is now senior law librarian for Miami County. Eugene died unexpectedly on 01 Jun 1982 in Troy Ohio and is buried in Covington Memorial Park Cemetery near Covington Ohio. Lillian continues to live in their home in Troy.

Child of Lillian[5] M. Bernard and Eugene J. Sherman:

810 i. REBECCA JEAN. m. Mark T. Hamler. two children.

278. **Arlene[5] Marie Bernard** (Twin) (*William,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 19 Jun 1936 in St. Henry Ohio. She worked for Hemmelgarn Egg Company in Philothea Ohio. On 04 May 1955 she married Maurice Julius Brandewie (b. 11 Jan 1930 Ft. Loramie Ohio) in St. Henry Church. He was the son of Lawrence B. Brandewie (1901-1971) and Lietta B. Bensman (1900-1953). Maurice was a bridge engineer and Arlene works as a housekeeping manager for a nursing home. Maurice died suddenly on 16 Mar 1988 in Urbana Ohio and is buried in St. Michael Cemetery near Ft. Loramie Ohio. Arlene continues to live in their home near Ft. Loramie.

Children of Arlene[5] M. Bernard and Maurice J. Brandewie:

811 i. ROBERT LEE. m. Rebecca Foutz.* three children.

812 ii. BEVERLY ANN. m. Joseph Coles.* one child.

813 iii. BRENDA ANN. m. Chris Platfoot. three children.

814 iv. BARBARA ANN. m. John Duncum. two children.

815 v. BONNIE MAUREEN.

281. **Mary Jo[5] Rush** (*Dorothy,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 22 Nov 1938 in San Bernadino CA. She graduated from Anchorage High School Anchorage AK in 1957 and worked as an office worker in an insurance company located there. On 26 Sep 1964 she married James Leo Reese (b. 27 Nov 1937) in Anchorage AK. He is the son of William B. Reese and Mary M. Foster. Mary Jo currently is an administrative assistant with Blue Cross Corporation and James is a truck driver. They reside in Anchorage.

Children of Mary Jo[5] Rush and James L. Reese:

816 i. RICKY ALLAN . two children.

817 ii. MICHAEL GLENN.

818 iii. SANDRA DEE. m. R. Edward Brown. three children.

819 iv. RONALD JAMES.

282. **Janet[5] Lou Rush** (*Dorothy,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 23 Sep 1939 in Hanoverton Ohio. Janet worked in various sales relating to pharmacies and drug stores in Alaska and Arizona. Her first marriage was to George Manos. On 22 Apr 1978 she married Raymond Paul Green (b. 15 Dec 1929 Hazen AR) in Glendale AZ. Raymond was a maintenance supervisor. Janet and Raymond are retired and reside in Payson AZ.

Children of Janet[5] L. Rush and George Manos*:

820 i. GEORGE ROCKY. m. Laurie Lyon.* two children. II. Lyssa Clark.* one child. III. Lanel Gallentine. one child.

821 ii. KIMBERLY SUE. m. Francisco Flordelis. three children.

822 iii. VADAH ANN. m. Thomas Schneider. three children.

823 iv. MICHAEL EDWARD. m. Mary Jane Horst. one child.

283. **Donald[5] Francis Bernard** (*Edward,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 01 Jun 1928 in Celina Ohio. He graduated from Aquinas High School in 1946 and attended Ohio State University. He was in the US Army and served in Korea. On 10 Jun 1950 he married Jacqueline Anne Baker (b. 02 May 1928 Akron Ohio) in St. Aloysius Church Columbus Ohio. She is the daughter of John E. and Ruth E. (Capehart) Baker. They lived in various locations throughout the Midwest. He completed thirty years of refereeing basketball games including several state tournaments. He retired in 1992 as a sales manager and Jacqueline, who likewise retired, reside in Lakeland FL.

Children of Donald[5] F. and Jacqueline A. (Baker) Bernard:

824 i. DONALD FRANCIS JR. one child.

825 ii. JILL THERESA. m. Jeff Martz. two children.

826 iii. MANDY ANNE. m. Stacey W. Cruce.

827 iv. DOUGLAS STEPHEN.

284. **Marjorie[5] Elaine Bernard** (*Edward,[4] Louis,[3] Joseph,[2] Leon[1]*) was born 17 Jun 1934 in Celina Ohio. After graduation from Holy Family High School in 1952 Marjorie attended Miami University and Ohio State University and did secretarial work in Columbus. After a brief stay in Florida she returned to Columbus and in September of 1960 she married Philip Beatty Allen. She presently works as a sales representative and lives in Boardman Ohio.

Children of Marjorie[5] E. Bernard and Philip B. Allen*:

828 i. ERIC PHILIP.

829 ii. TIMOTHY DAVID. m. Mary Arnett. two children.

830 iii. TRACY ANN.

831 iv. CARY PATRICK.

END OF FIFTH GENERATION

Part Four

PERSONAL HISTORIES

JOSEPH BERNARD
(1817 - 1886)

Born in Rechesy France this oldest son of Leon Bernard spent his early childhood in that village. We can assume that he assisted his father who was a shoemaker and also worked in some of the twenty fields that his mother and father owned in the vicinity of Rechesy. The era was a difficult one as there were major financial upheavals in that post Napoleonic time and food and crop shortages were felt even in a farming community such as Rechesy. He was proud to carry the Bernard name in that village as his ancestors went back nearly 400 years! His mother, born less than a mile away in Switzerland, had come from a long line of commercial merchants.

The excitement of his parents plans to migrate to America must have been intense. There was the auction of his parents land in March, the preparation for the long journey to Le Havre overland through area which he had never seen, and the long journey on the ship to the New World. He knew the two families who accompanied his family so at least he had some friends to make the time pass on that long journey.

Arriving in Perry County Ohio was exciting. The talk of the Indian tales still permeated much conversation. But most of all he obviously had to work diligently with his father to clear the land and he had to teach his younger brothers to do the same. Living in the log cabin away from the village in a remote place was a fearsome proposition. He was growing to manhood during these years and he had to help his family struggle through the difficult times. By 1836 his father had sent him to Mercer County to look at new land available for a good price. He was present for the establishment of the new parish of St. John the Baptist. His mother and father joined him soon thereafter and began clearing the new farmland in Marion Township.

It was in Marion Township that he met Anna Marie Kemper, his future wife. Being of Swiss descent she had been born in Pennsylvania on 25 February 1819. Extensive research on her birth failed to establish with certainty her birthplace or her parentage. In the 1820 census of Pennsylvania there are two entries of female under five years of age. A John Kemper in Lancaster County (Cocalico Township) had one female child in that category. A David Kemper also in Lancaster County (Cocalico Township) had two female

children under the age of five. Her father might have been either of these two men. In a later census, it was reported that both her parents had come from Switzerland. In 1841 a farm was purchased from a Joseph Kamper (aka Kamber, Kamer, and Kemper) of Montgomery County Pennsylvania who sold it to Joseph and Anna Marie for the exact price he had paid five years earlier. He is noted in an 1840 census record in Marion Township with a child under five and with two adults.

Since a priest was not readily available at St. John's, Joseph and Anna Marie were married on 13 June 1839 in Minster Ohio. As noted earlier, they purchased eighty acres of land in Section 35 of Marion Township for one hundred dollars from Joseph Kamper on March 09, 1841. Here they began their family of eleven children: Marie Elizabeth (1841), Jacob (1842), James (1843), Francis (1846), Maria Magdalena (1847), John (1849), Peter (1850), Joseph (1852), Henry (1854), John Henry (1857) and Louis (1859).

During these times Joseph continued to remain close to his family with their nearby farm. The deaths of his brother, his brothers wife and children during the epidemics must have been difficult to bear. Certainly he was involved in the decisions made regarding the placement of their children. During the 1850's he served as school director of District # 5 of Marion Township and was instrumental in obtaining a donation of school land from his father in 1852. When his father knew that he would not be living much longer, he devised a will making Joseph the chief executor. It was under Joseph's direction that the estate had to be settled and the auction of his father's estate held. This was indicative of the trust in which his father held in him.

Sister Kathryn Bernard, granddaughter, recalls her grandfather in a 1975 written statement."The family spoke High German. Sometimes Grandpa and Grandma talked French together. My Grandfather was a very dear, gentle, good, quiet, and concerned man. Mary Ann, my grandma, was strong and healthy. Very strict, a good cook and a hard worker. Grandpa loved children. When my brother Joe was five years old he took him to the store and got him his first suit and came home with pockets full of candy. He used to bring paper covered kisses and throw them in the air and the children would catch the candy. Grandpa would never scold, but Grandma did."

In 1885 major changes had to be made as Joseph knew he did not have long

to live. On July 22 of that year they sold their farm to Joseph Brandewie Jr. for the sum of $4500. In October, he purchased a plot of forty acres in Cranberry Prairie from Philip Huwer. At this time only Henry and Louis lived at home. Within five months, 19 March 1886, Joseph died suddenly at the age of 69. His will made in January of 1885 appointed his wife executor and left the farm and all personal properties to her. He was buried in the St. John Cemetery in the beloved parish he had helped organize some fifty years earlier. A mulberry wood cross marked the site of his grave for many years.[1]

In September both sons Louis and Henry had taken wives. Marion Township was rapidly changing and rich cleared farmland now abounded. Louis moved to the farm in Cranberry Prairie and his mother moved in with them. There she resided until her death on 29 August 1894 of "old age" and "stomach disease."[2] She was subsequently buried in St. John Cemetery beside her husband Joseph. Her grave, likewise, was marked with a mulberry wood cross.

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1 Interview with Joseph Herman Bernard circa 1966 by Jeanice Carr Bernard.

2 Church records of St. Francis Church and St. John Church.

PETER BERNARD
(1850 - 1899)

Peter Bernard, fifth son of Joseph Bernard and Maria Anna Kemper, was born in Maria Stein on May 25, 1850. Undoubtedly he was named after his uncle Peter who lived on a nearby farm. The area of Maria Stein was still heavily forested and his own parents not yet started their second decade on their farm having purchased it only nine years earlier. New immigrants especially from Westphalia and the Oldenburg areas of Germany were arriving weekly in the new settlement around St. John. Already Catholicism was well established with the founding of parishes at St John(1835) and St. Rose(1837) and the nearby Maria Stein Convent (1846) by the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Minster with its direct link to Cincinnati via the Miami-Erie Canal was the nearest town of any size.

Peter's early life it can be surmised was typical of the boys of the region characterized by hard work. The forest had to be cleared. There were crops that needed cultivation and livestock had to be raised. He obviously had to learn High German from his mother in order to communicate with his neighbors and attended the"Bernard School" situated on land adjacent to his grandfather Leon's farm less than a quarter of mile from his home.

By 1870 Peter's independence is noted in that he was employed as a wagonmaker and living closer to St. John's settlement. This experience would assist him later as in 1871 he moved to Cincinnati working in the wagon industry and specializing in making wagon wheels. He lived and worked in the area of West Fifth and Sixth Streets and was a parishioner at the German Holy Trinity Church located on Fifth Street. On September 15, 1891 he married Elizabeth Ruther, a German immigrant in her twenties . They began their family in Cincinnati's old "West End" living at 746 West Fifth Street. Three children were born: Barbara. William , and John. Unfortunately Peter contracted tuberculosis and died on February 27, 1899 leaving his widow Elizabeth and their three children ages seven, five, and two respectively.

Elizabeth remarried within a short period of time to Frank Washburn, a barber in their neighborhood. They continued living in that area until a move some years later to 2487 Warsaw Avenue, Price Hill. The names of the two boys were officially changed to Washburn at a reported cost of fifty dollars.

Sister Kathryn Bernard described Frank Washburn in the following passage "Uncle Frank was not a Catholic but he went with Aunt Lizzie to church every Wednesday evening and Sunday. He became a Catholic a year before he died and was sick one year and received Communion at home three times a week. When the priest asked him why he did not become a Catholic sooner he answered "Nobody asked me."[3]

Frank's profession took him to the Sinton Hotel, Auburn Avenue, and other locations until his death in 1935. Elizabeth continued living on Warsaw Avenue being joined by her daughter Barbara and her husband Ben Weckenbrock- another Price Hill native from the parish of St. Michael. Elizabeth died in 1953 and her funeral was from Blessed Sacrament Church in lower Price Hill. Barbara and her husband continued to live at the Warsaw Avenue location rearing their two children Elizabeth and Florence. Her brother William worked as an employee of the famous Sinton Hotel until his untimely death of drowning in 1930 leaving a widow and child June. John worked as the superintendent of the Abbott Linen Supply Company until his death in 1944. His wife Stella continued to work there until her retirement. The remaining grandchildren and great grandchildren continue to live in the Cincinnati area, and in Georgia and Tennessee.

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[3] Letter to Allen Bernard, March 8, 1971.

JOSEPH BERNARD JR.
(1852 - 1942)

My father Joseph Bernard was born Nov. 05 1852 on our grandparents farm at Maria Stein, Ohio. He received his First Holy Communion on Apr. 23, 1865 in St. John's Church, Maria Stein, Ohio. Since there were older brothers to help work in the farm, my father worked for Mr. Strukamp, a strict perfectionist, for seven years. He learned bricklaying, plastering, cementing, etc. On Sundays he often helped his mother with the housework, etc. He helped in the garden, barn, etc. When he was twenty-eight, he married my dear mother namely, Gertrude Elizabeth Wildenhaus, on May 3, 1881 at St. John's Church, Maria Stein. He went with her for four years while she was doing the cooking and housework for Mr. and Mrs. August Ruetchling who lived near the church. My father never cheated people and did excellent work. He was a fine dancer, a lovely tenor singer, and played violin for weddings with his brothers. He sang beautiful until 1884 when he had Erysipelas and lost his hearing in his right ear. A young doctor made made a mistake and should not have lanced his ear drum. My father was a very attractive and good man. There was no mark on his name as long as he lived. He wanted all his children to have a good education. We had the best parents in the world. We always had plenty and good things to eat. Our family talked High German. Papa had no use for low German. He despised it. He talked the proper German and quite a bit of French. My father had a stiff thumb on his right hand and was a poor writer, but concerned very much about us. He always had a bag of mixed candy in his Sunday coat pocket and when we knew our lessons or had fine homework done we got a piece of candy. My father had a hernia on his right side and one on his left side. He wore a double truss. He never complained. He had very good health. He never cared for wine or beer, but he loved a glass of cold buttermilk at 8:00 p.m. in summer and then went to bed. Mama always had a nice breakfast ready at 6:00 a.m. Then I helped him hitch the horse to the spring wagon and closed the long gate after he was gone, so the chickens would not get on the road. I also held the lantern for him in the evening when he cut corn-straw. I did these things during my school years. My father started to work at 7:00 a.m. Got lunch at 9:00 a.m. Dinner at 12 noon. Lunch at 3:00 p.m.(not

always) and supper at 6:00 p.m. He got $2.00 a day six days a week, but by 1916 he got $3.00 a day. My father was a charter member of the Knights of St. John and one of the first five pioneers. He always was a very good Catholic. He never missed Mass on Sundays except at the end. My father never spent an evening in the saloon. Home was a happy place for him. I saw my father climb on the summer-kitchen at age 88 to fix the chimney. He was sick a few months before he died, but up and around in the house. He had a very strong heart and never had a temperature. Dear Papa often received Holy Communion while he was sick. My dear father was in bed quite a bit the last three months. The last three weeks he wanted to die. Dr. John Bernard came two or three times a week. He never complained, because he was afraid he was making too much trouble. His lungs and heart were good. Dr. John gave him blood through transfusions and expensive medicine. He was anointed two weeks before he died. At last Jaundice set in and it was pitiful to see how yellow he looked. I will never forget his holy and peaceful death. He was never unconscious. The end came unexpected. He died with a smile. He was up at 10:00 a.m. when he died at 2:45 p.m. His last words were: "Mama, Mama," and held tight to the crucifix. It was Friday May 8, 1942. Mama, William and Regina, Aggie and Frank were there when his Precious Soul winged its flight to its Maker. "Most merciful Jesus, grant him Eternal Rest." He looked so very nice in the coffin. About 500 people viewed his beautiful corpse. He looked like 70 and was ninety years old. All the grandchildren and children were there Sunday evening praying the rosary loud. Verona Hoying had received her First Holy Communion that morning and she looked like an angel kneeling right in front her dear grandpa. Many tears were shed because they all loved Grandpa. My father got eleven Requiems and fifty Masses from doners. He was buried on Monday, May 11, 1942 at. 10:00 a.m. with a white layer of the snow on the ground that morning. Dear Regina had hopes that he would be in our midst yet for a long time. Dear Mama was 85. She was quite resigned because she was always good to him.

Sister Kathryn Bernard C.P.P.S.
(1896 - 1988)

J. HENRY BERNARD
(1857 - 1909)

John Henry, second youngest son of Joseph Bernard and Anna Marie Kemper, was affectionately called "Henry". As a young man he left the confines of his family in Maria Stein and settled in the northwest section of Mercer County. This was an unusual move because it was in the opposite end from Marion Township. But it was near Padua (St. Anthony) and it was here that he met Elizabeth Mary Stark, his future wife. Like the Bernards, the Stark family was among the earliest families of that region and were instrumental in the founding of St. Anthony's parish.

He established a saloon business in Chattanooga, Ohio and became very active in local Democratic politics serving as clerk for Liberty Township and and running as a candidate for County Recorder. He was described in a newspaper article as "true blue democrat faithful to the men of his choice and would go out of his way to favor them."[4] It was also during this time that four daughters, Estella, Aurelia, Eulalia, Hilda, and one son, Leo, were born. After his unsuccessful bid for County Recorder he lived for a short time in Coldwater, Ohio where Clarence was born and then moved to Hamilton, Ohio. Another son, Louis, was born there in 1903. But this was followed by tragedy as daughter Hilda died there in 1904. Around 1905 Henry and his family returned to Maria Stein and on to Burkettsville, Ohio where he established hotels in both communities. Another son Raphael was born in Burkettsville in 1905.

Because of increased business opportunities, he again moved to Coldwater, Ohio where he established the City Hotel, a structure at the Northeast corner of Second and Walnut Streets. The daughter Eulalia also operated a millinery shop there where she made wedding dresses, assorted clothes, baptismal gowns in addition to hats. In addition to providing room and board to guests, the family of six children also lived in the hotel. Henry's early death at the age of 52 left Elizabeth with the sole responsibility of maintaining the family. An obituary of his death commented "he was an honest and upright citizen, a true friend, generous, a kind husband and considerate father."[5]

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[4] Newspaper Obituary, Vol. 4 #38, Unknown Date.

[5] Newspaper Obituary, op. cit.

His funeral was held in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio.

Mrs. Bernard continued to operate their hotel, the City Hotel. During the Flu Epidemic in 1918, she supplemented her income with nursing care. During the late 1920's. Mrs. Bernard moved to Columbus, Ohio to be near her three sons but returned to Coldwater some ten years later to live with daughter Eulalia Giere. She was noted for her needlework including braiding, embroidery, and quilt making until her death in 1947.

Written in conjunction with Betty Giere Brookhart
Coldwater, Ohio

LOUIS BERNARD
(1859 - 1922)

Louis Bernard, youngest son of Joseph and Anna Marie Kemper Bernard, was born 19 Aug 1859. His eight living brothers and two sisters must have welcomed this new birth. His father had arrived in Marion Township 23 years earlier and his parents had just observed their twentieth wedding anniversary at the time of his birth. His early life was centered upon the farm life in the region of Maria Stein Ohio including clearing the dense forest for additional farmland. The great Civil War had ended by his sixth birthday and there were obviously many tales abounding regarding that conflict including the story of the escape of William Simison who hid in the nearby Cranberry Bog in order to avoid serving in that war. Also told were the stories of the great typhus and cholera epidemics which undoubtedly claimed his grandmother, several uncles, aunts, and cousins. But then frequent deaths and births were common community events in the parish of St. Johns. He attended the nearby one room "Bernard School" located on the corner of Huwer and Rolfes Roads on land formally owned by his grandfather Leon Bernard. Church activities were at least weekly for Mass and religious instruction. His First Communion was celebrated in St. Johns Church on 7 April 1872.

Upon completion of grammar school Louis remained at home and engaged in farming the family acreage until his fathers death in the spring of 1886. Prior to this, on 01 October in 1885 Joseph Bernard, his father, had purchased a 40 acre plot in Section 32 of the nearby Cranberry Prairie from Philip Huwer, which upon his mother's death, became Louis' land. On 28 September 1886 Louis married Caroline Karch daughter of George Karch (1827-1896) and Walburga Riedl (1826-1907) in St. Francis Church Cranberry Prairie. The Karch family had come to Cranberry Prairie from Germany via Marysville and St. Marys. We can assume that their wedding, like other weddings in the area, included a festive celebration and barn dance. Louis and Caroline loved dancing, and even in later years were described as " the last couple to leave the dance floor." They were given practical wedding gifts including bedding, pillows, furniture, and household items necessary to begin a new home. One of these items, a serving dish made in Austria has survived. It was a gift from Caroline's sister, Barbara Helmstetter.

Shortly after their marriage they moved to this forty acre tract of land in the Cranberry Prairie some 2.4 miles south of St. Francis Church on Cranberry Road. This peat bog or prairie of 1200 acres was laden with swampy areas and was subject to frequent flooding. It required extensive draining before crops could be produced. With the assistance of newly arrived German immigrant neighbors and the Karch in-laws, who lived nearby, Louis and Caroline began the arduous task of taming their new farmland. His mother, Anna Marie (Kemper) Bernard, lived with them after she sold the home farm in Marion Township in 1888. At the Cranberry Prairie farm they began their family. George was born in 1887, Frank in 1888, Mary in 1889, Anthony in 1891, and Elizabeth in 1892. Tragedy struck in 1894 when there were two deaths in the immediate family on the same day. Not only did Louis' mother die on August 29 but also their beloved daughter Elizabeth. Helping to assuage these losses, however, was the birth of Clara in November of that same year. She was followed by William in 1896, and Charles in 1898. Though Charles died in 1900, Dorothy was born that same year followed by Edward in 1902, and Leonard in 1907. Shortly after Leonard was one year old, he died suddenly fulfilling a prediction of a visiting seer the previous year, who prophesied that a tragedy would take place in the Bernard family in just over a year.

Cooking and food preparation was a major task for Caroline with the help of her daughters. During the summer there was canning of vegetables and fruits and the huge meals for relatives and neighbors especially when the threshers would come. Vinegar and catsup were one of the major food condiments and accompanied eggs, potatoes, and other staples. Eggs might be eaten covered with catsup. On days such as Good Fridays, the French tradition of serving a meal of bean soup, black coffee, and bread without any dairy products prevailed. Various kinds of soups including potato and vegetable soups were frequent. The vinegar cruet was always on the table and in use during the meals.

Schooling was limited for the Bernard children. Though the one room Quinter School was located nearby at the Corner of Watkins and Cranberry Road, it contained only grades one through eight. The school day lasted from 9:00 a.m.. to 3:00 p.m. William remembers teachers Anna Heckman, Carl Speckman, Mr. Vonderhaar and Mr. Meiering.

Life in the Bernard family centered around farm tasks, schooling, visits to and from relatives, and attendance church services. Holidays, festivities and weddings provided welcome changes in the routine of life. They interacted frequently with the John Karch family who lived nearby, and the cousins not only played together but also attended the same school. There was even an occasional visit to Cincinnati to visit Uncle Peter's wife, Elizabeth, and cousins, Barbara, John, and William. In 1905 the new St. Francis Church was dedicated and parishioners were urged to contribute. Pew rents were issued and anyone not able to pay or who became in arrears had their name listed in the financial reports which helped to secure the funds for the new building. Money was scarce for this growing family but these financial obligations were met.

The Karch and Bernard families lives were very intertwined. Grandmother Walburga Karch would move between these two families as her changing moods dictated, living with each of them for limited periods of time. The two families decided to exchange farms in 1908. Louis sold his farm to John Karch, and purchased the Karch farm of 77 acres across the road for $5700. More tobacco, sugar beets, corn, oats and wheat could be grown in order to provide additional income. However, this land required additional drainage and subsequently was more problematic to successful farming.

Music was always an important aspect of the family and family singing provided recreation. Louis, who could play the harmonica, provided plaintive melodies, especially at Christmastime. He encouraged the family to harmonize much the way his French uncles sang at the farm in Maria Stein. Though lacking formal training, the family formed an orchestra and played for weddings and barn dances throughout the area. In one year the Bernard Family Orchestra played for thirty-seven weddings charging twelve dollars per wedding playing both afternoon and evening. Tony directed and also played the cornet. George played the violin and drums, Clara the alto horn, Frank the bass horn, and William the snare drum. Vocals were also included with the music. Of course food and much drink were part of the compensation at the weddings. As various members of the family married and moved away, the Bernard Orchestra eventually dissolved but many memories and tales of music remained.

Christmas was an important holiday as well which, as today, centered around the church and gift giving. One or two gifts were provided each child, usually a toy and some article of clothing. There would also be an orange and a stick of peppermint or hard tack candy. William recalls the Christmas tree, a hardwood tree wrapped in cotton with live candles, and the visit from Pelsnickel ("fur" Nicholas) who carried sticks and a cane.

Many changes on the home farm took place with the advent of World War I. George was drafted and sent to Europe. William was about to be drafted but the war ended after which he briefly moved to Dayton. Dorothy did housework in Dayton and later moved to California. Financial times were very difficult for farmers following the war and complicated with the fact that Louis had heart trouble and therefore had difficulty working. Louis and Caroline felt compelled to sell the farm in 1918 and move to the Peter Karch farm near Burkettsville which they maintained with the assistance of their son Edward. Louis' death four years later in 1922 from heart trouble was unexpected and occurred while he was sitting in a chair. Many of the old neighbors from Cranberry, family members, and friends of this beloved and gentle man came to pay their last respect to him as he was buried in the cemetery of St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie, near his two children who had preceded him.

Caroline then moved to St. Henry and rented the residence at 472 E. Main Street for one year with son William. In 1923, when the Gebele residence at 142 E. Main became available William purchased it and she continued to reside with him and his new wife, Ada. This living situation continued until her death while visiting daughter Mary in St. Marys which occurred in 1947 at the age of 81. She was buried in St. Francis Cemetery beside her husband Louis.

HENRY JOHN BERNARD
(1882 - 1965)

Our father, Henry J. Bernard, was born in a large family in St. Rose Ohio. The local priest noted his intelligence at an early age and encouraged him to go to St. Joseph's College in Indiana which was operated by the Precious Blood Society in order to prepare for his teaching certificate. Dad did this and was able to begin work as a teacher. He married Mom in 1910.

Our childhood was a happy one in St. Henry. When dad took us fishing and we were getting tired he would promise us a penny for each fish we caught and since a penny was a fortune in those days we were glad to sit still for quite some time. In order to keep us safe and healthy, we had stockings on our arms to prevent sunburn, straw hats with a string pinned to our dresses so we wouldn't try to catch the hat if the wind took it. We were also fastened to the pier so as not to fall in. Dad would have to come and take the fish off the hook when we did catch one. Then Mom would fry it for supper that night.

Often at bedtime we asked for "told" stories in addition to or instead of "read" stories although we enjoyed those also. We remember listening again and again to stories about coon hunting, about Santa Claus, about Ticki-Ticki-Rumba-Rumba-Ala- Mano-Patch and many more. When mom called saying it was time to go to sleep we'd say "Just one more story." Yes, our dad was the world's best story teller.

Another childhood memory was running to meet him when he came home after visiting schools. Anything left in the lunch box-and he usually left something in on purpose-was the best food in all the world because it had been in that lunch box. We usually shared a special apple or cookie or whatever treasure was in the lunch box that day.

The garden was mom and dad's pride and joy and everything was carefully tended. Each of us had small "mini" gardens which we would take care of and carefully watch things grow. When it was harvest time, dad would often give any spare vegetables to others. One time a small girl came with fifteen cents asking dad to sell her mom a few vegetables as they didn't have anything to eat. She walked away with not only her fifteen cents but with a box of vegetables so large that dad had to drive her home.

Tramps would often come to the house. In fact I think they had our trees marked as so many would come to our back door. Mom always had food for them and would make sandwiches which they would eat on our back porch. One time in February when we were preparing our valentines for school a tramp came to the door. Mom decided it was too cold for him to eat outdoors so he came in the kitchen where we were making our valentines and taught us to whittle using his pocket knife. Unfortunately he left his knife in our kitchen when he left. The next day he made his way back to retrieve his knife.

Dad would tell us about his train that he got when he was about four years old- just big enough to peek over the top of the table to watch it run. It was a very special privilege to get to wind it. We were always fearful of breaking it if we wound it too tight. It was so fascinating to watch it go straight or in a circle if we adjusted the wheels. This train still runs more than a century later!

Holidays were special for dad, especially Christmas and Halloween. He couldn't get enough of Christmas! The sliding doors would always be locked a few days before Christmas and wouldn't be opened until Christmas Eve when everything was set up and the tree lighted and the door suddenly opened while we were in the kitchen telling Christmas stories or singing Christmas carols. We would form a procession to the mysterious locked room and to see the Christmas gifts. Later on that evening Santa would usually come and require us to say prayers for him--while my older brothers would laugh and try to escape upstairs. Halloween was another holiday that Dad would spend much time in preparation. We always gave bags of candy each wrapped individually by dad or a popcorn "stick" or ball. Preparing all of them was quite a challenge for all of us.

Dad always was inspiring to us. One time he wrote to us "No philosopher, no moralist, no educator, no theologian, or jurist, can utter or quote more potent words than the very simple ones the mother said with a kiss before the little tot started on the way to school for the first time: Be a good boy, or be a good girl." Goodness had a special meaning to him and he inspired us with its meaning.

Sister Mary Henry/ Sister Mary Matilda Bernard
St. Ursula Convent
Cincinnati, Ohio

ANTHONY W. BERNARD
(1891 - 1959)

I remember in growing up that Christmas was a very special day for the family. On Christmas Day we were told to go up the stairs and pray the rosary and sing Christmas songs. It didn't take long and soon Santa (Uncle Bill Bernard) would come. He always made us kneel down and pray. We also sang for Santa. When Santa left it didn't take long to get the presents open. What fun it was! We got a new doll every Christmas. I wonder where all those dolls went. For sure they were used! Also on Christmas Eve Dad always had open house after the midnight mass. Dad always fried ham, bacon, and eggs. There was lots of singing and fun.

During the Depression days many beggars would come for food to eat and if it was only a piece of bread they were fed. During those days we didn't have much to eat either. I remember eating a lot of sour potatoes and a piece of bread. Dad was so generous. Sometimes these beggars would eat at the table with us. However, if Dad was not at home, Mom would feed them on the porch. Those days were tough for everyone but we still had a lot of fun.

When it was time to wash the dishes Dad would come in the kitchen and say "Let's all sing" and soon the dishes were washed. To this day when we all get together we still love to sing.

Mom was so special--she was so good to us. She and Dad made us behave and we loved them for it. I have many more memories of growing up with Mom and Dad. We are so lucky to have had such good parents.

Wilma Bernard Gels
Celina, Ohio

When I think of my parents I remember Mom with much patience and endurance. She worked hard and had to with her many children. Once she sewed four dresses in one day. She finished them that night sewing on the buttons! She spent a lot of time at the old pedal sewing machine and often she would ask me to rub her back.

She had about 12 loads of laundry to do on her wringer type washing machine. And naturally she hung them on the clothes line to dry. She'd take the dry clothes down to make room for the last loads. Of course we girls helped whenever we were available. And the baskets of ironing we had to do was unreal!

Dad was less patient than Mom as he was a strict disciplinarian. All he had to do was raise his voice when we misbehaved and we would be in tears. BUT--- he had a heart of gold. He really was an old softie as he would cry easily over a television show and other emotional occurrences. Our home was always open to friends and strangers. Once he invited a lot of people (young and old) over to the house for breakfast after Christmas Midnight Mass. They ate the ham Mother was planning to have for our Christmas dinner. She wasn't too happy about that but we had sausage instead. After Midnight Mass, we sang until the wee hours of the morning.

The "tramps" or "hoboes" also knew what house to go to for a free meal. I remember one incident when a hobo came and dad put him at the snack bar and he got a great meal of chicken with the trimmings----and Dad kept calling him "Captain."

During World War II, the United States sent German prisoners of war to America to work on the farms. The prisoners picked tomatoes on Dad's farm. We girls stayed our distance from them but they seemed very obedient to Dad's commands. They were longing to go home to their country! Dad was very kind to them.

My fondest memories of recreation was going fishing with Dad and the many local baseball games including the Red games at old Crosley Field. Leaving home at 6:00 a.m., having lunch at a roadside rest, and mother's famous fried chicken. We didn't get home till late that night.

Joan Bernard Hausfeld
St. Marys, Ohio

CLARA BERNARD SCHWIETERMAN
(1894 - 1969)

My mother, Clara Schwieterman, was born on the family farm in Cranberry Prairie Ohio, the daughter of Louis and Caroline Karch Bernard. Like the other Bernard children she attended the nearby Quinter School. As soon as she graduated from the eighth grade, she went to Dayton Ohio where she worked as a maid during the winter months. However each spring she would return home to help work on the farm. Working outdoors held a particular interest for her and she felt comfortable working in the fields.

There was the family orchestra and she was adept at playing several instruments and in vocalizing. I still have some tapes of songs that she wrote for the grandchildren in her later years singing them with her guitar. She loved music. When she heard the song "Four Walls" by Jim Reeves on the radio, she promptly went to the store, bought a portable record player and the recording.

After marrying my father, Albert Schwieterman, they moved to a farm near Montezuma, Ohio and lived there until Good Friday of 1919, when a fire destroyed their home and most of its contents. Thereafter, they moved to the Burge farm in Montezuma, a farm of about 175 acres. In 1928, they purchased a farm of 69 acres ($100 per acre) in St. Marys from Lemon Neely and moved there in March 1929, at the start of the depression. They, along with the children, worked hard on the farm. Clara always made her own soap and baked bread during the Depression and sold farm produce on a door-to-door route in St. Marys. Her fresh fried chicken was legendary. She especially enjoyed working on the farm and after Albert's death on June 01 1954 she continued to live on the farm and rented out the fields. But people began to want her to sell lots for homes from the farm which she did and gradually the fields began to disappear.

As I said earlier, Mother played the guitar, wrote songs for family members, and loved fishing. She closely followed the Cincinnati Reds after Albert's death.

Beulah Schwieterman Nolan
St. Marys, Ohio

RAYMOND J. BERNARD
(1901 - 1993)

I, Raymond J. Bernard was born on July 2, 1901, on the Frank Bernard Homestead in Marion Township, Mercer county, Ohio. My first year in school was at the Harding School. We walked about two miles to go to school, clear through our farm, through part of the woods and quite a distance down the road. It was a country school, one big room, one teacher for all eight grades. We went to St. Rose Church about three miles northeast of our farm. We went in a surrey powered by our horse, Dolly. That was a real exciting experience . After service we went to the general store--so many things to look at. Sometimes the folks would buy things, maybe a little hard candy. One year at Christmas time they had some tricycles there that me and Lawrence tried out, and sure enough, Santa Claus brought them to us for Christmas. On St. Nicholas Day, December 6, we would hang up our socks and in the morning there would be candy and some more things. This was sort of a prelude to Christmas and was an incentive to be good till Christmas. On Christmas Eve we set out our big plates and something for Santa Claus to lunch on. Early Christmas morning they would be filled with something including a couple of bananas, an orange, and some candy. Our Christmas tree was a small tree cut out of the woods. We would wrap the small twigs and branches with cotton and hang the ornaments on it, including candles, fastened in a clip holder. We would light the candles with a match and watch that the tree did not burn up.

There were lots of things to do on the farm in the winter--romp around in the snow and play in the barn. If we had to stay in the house, we made toys out of corn stalks, made things with paper and flour paste and anything we could think of. In the summer we would wander all over the farm with our dog, Old Daise, who would chase up some rabbits , but never got very many. It was a great sport picking berries and they were real good to eat, canned for the winter.

In 1907 it was Mom and Dad's silver wedding anniversary, and a lot of people were there. Uncle Louie Bernard's country music band was there and we had a big time barn dance.

Sometimes when there was lots of snow, a whole gang would go for a sleigh

ride, like a hay ride, in a great big sleigh called a mud boat. Lots of fun. At New Years Eve a group of young fellows called New Year shooters started shooting when they would come in and dance for a while and go on to another home. We had sisters about the right age and they stopped at our place.

In the summertime, threshing grain was a big event. The threshing machine operators would go from one farm to another. Six or eight farmers would come to help and their wives would come to cook a big feast with lots of cake and pie. When you could hear the steam engine whistle down the road, then everybody would hurry and get things ready. It was very fascinating to watch the threshing machinery operate. Sometimes us boys would carry the water bucket and usually we had a jug of whiskey and the men would take a swig out of it.

In the winter the big event was butchering. Some of the neighbors would come to help. The women would come along to cook and also help make the sausages and things. The first thing to do was to build a hot fire and heat a big kettle of boiling water to scald the hair so it would scrape off, then hang the hog on a scaffold and cut the insides out. I would take almost a whole day to butcher four or five hogs. The last things to do was to render the lard in a big iron kettle with a good fire under it. By that time it would be dark and the men would sit around the fire and tell stories. We kids would sit around and listen for a while, then we got sleepy and left. What they said after that I don't know.

During the year we would put all of our shrubs and branches on a big pile in the corner of the orchard. Then on Easter evening Dad would light fire to it and we would have a big Easter fire. Sometimes on Easter Sunday we would find some Easter eggs around it. We also had an Easter basket with eggs but not many candy eggs.

The first time I saw an automobile was during the last few years on the farm. When we were riding in our carriage and Dad would see a car coming, which wasn't very often, Dad would get out and hold the horse because she really was scared of cars.

In 1909 we moved from the farm to St. Henry, Ohio. There at St. Henry was

a new world for us. we moved late in the summer and by the time we got settled it was time to go to school. The St. Henry School was a bigger and better school--it had four rooms for grade school, two grades in each room, and two rooms for high school. School time was from 8:30 a.m., until 4:00 p.m., with one hour for dinner. My brother, Henry Bernard, was the school superintendent at St. Henry School.

We had about an acre of land, a big orchard and lots of garden, a big house, and barn. We brought our cow and lots of chickens from the farm and our dog, Old Daise. It didn't take us long to learn a lot about the town.

The big event that happened was the appearance of Halley's Comet. We had a wonderful view right from our front yard. It surely was a remarkable sight. It happened early in the summer of 1910, and we saw it early in the evening. The sinking of the Titanic in April 1912 was another very exciting event.

The Dayton Ohio flood was a very disturbing experience for us. Some of our family and lots of relatives lived in Dayton and it seemed a long time before we found out that they were all right. The people of St. Henry sent a freight car load of food and baked goods to the people of Dayton. About 1913, Mom took us to Dayton on the train and it was a real exciting trip. We saw the movies for the first time, rode in the street car, and did lots of exciting things.

We had our first bicycle and that was lots of fun. Somebody gave us a bicycle frame and finally we got enough parts so we had a bicycle. Our big brother Henry gave us the bicycle he had when he was young and then we each had a bike and we really went places.

One summer a very unusual thing happened with the oat plants in a field in back of us. We were walking through the oat field and we would grab some oat leaves and chew it to relieve our thirst. When we looked at the leaves, they had letters B and B B printed on some of the leaves. We took them home and showed the folks. Then every time we got company we had to get some oat leaves. This was before World War I. Some people thought it meant bloodshed before long. It was real exciting. We did lots of fishing at the time in yard ponds--lots of fish, small and smaller, sometimes one six inches long. We made a boat but we never did get it to float. We played

baseball, volleyball, and basketball. St. Henry had a baseball team, that gave us somebody to root for.

One summer Marg and Agnes and a cousin, Elizabeth Ankenbouer, stayed at our house and worked at the canning factory. That was a real exciting summer for us.

One evening Lawrence and I went walnut hunting. We each took a big wheat sack and started for the woods. It was several miles and finally we got to a woods where the ground was covered with walnuts. We put some in our sacks and started for home. We had about two miles to go. They got too heavy, so we took one sack and started down the road. After going about a half mile, we were pooped. We sat down and tried to figure out what to do. The sun was about to set so we decided that one of us would go home and get help and one would stay here with the walnuts. So I started for home. That was a big woods on each side of the road just ahead. Before I got past the woods it started to get dark. By the time I got home the moon was coming up. When I walked in the yard, Dad was sitting in a chair in the front yard. I told Dad what happened. By the that time I was about ready to start crying. Dad said, just let the walnuts there and get them tomorrow. Then I said I can't do that because Lawrence is still sitting on the sack. Dad looked a little surprised and said we'll have to do something about this. He said, get your wagon and I'll tell the girls and you can all go after Lawrence and the walnuts. So together we started. By that time the moon was shining bright and it sure was a beautiful evening. By the time we got to the woods, here come Lawrence running down the road. Was he ever glad to see us. So, we started through the woods with the bright moon shining through the trees. When we got there we loaded the walnuts and started home, a happy bunch having a good time. So the walnut trip for all the trouble turned out all right. We didn't get many walnuts for all the trouble, but it sure ended with a good time.

My brother Henry Bernard was Mercer County District School Superintendent. In the summer had had to make numerous trips to attend school business at the county seat at Celina, Ohio. Sometimes he would take Lawrence and me with him and drop us off at the reservoir and we would fish till he picked us up on the way home. That sure was lots of fun catching a good mess of fish.

My father died July 15, 1915, after a sustained illness. He died real peaceful while we were at his bedside. A neighbor lady, Grandma Mader, led the rosary and just kept on praying all kinds of peaceful prayers until he died shortly after noon.

Later that summer Lawrence got a job working on a farm for some of our old neighbors near our farm. In the summer of 1916, I went to Celina to work for Mike Boehmer, my sister Dean's husband. He was a building contractor. Later that summer Lawrence quit his job on the farm and came to Celina to work for Mike. It sure was nice for Lawrence and me to be together. Celina was a fairly big town and we had some exciting experiences there. We worked there into the winter.

World War I was going by then and the United States were well into it. Marg and Agnes were working in Dayton and said it was easy to get a job there and asked us to come to Dayton. That sounded exciting to us so Mom let us go and we soon were working in Dayton. Our first job was at the American and Wafer Company making ice cream cones. We worked twelve hours a day, five and one-half days a week and made twelve dollars and fifty cents per week. After about five or six weeks, Marg was working at the Green and Green Biscuit Company and got us a job there. That was a much better job and we worked nine hours a day and five hours on Saturday. In the late fall Mom sold the place in St. Henry and moved to Dayton. I worked there for 29 years until we moved to Michigan. Lawrence worked there the rest of his life.

We lived in Edgemont, that part of town was developing fast. They built a new Catholic church, St. James, which was exciting for us. Mom bought a lot close to church and we had a house built on Miami Chapel Road right on the street car line.

In the years that followed, besides being involved in church work (being a new congregation required a lot of involvement) we had lots of social activities--card parties, bingo, and the St. James Player Club that put on some really good plays. We had ball teams, bowling leagues, a tennis court, and big garden parties every summer. There were lots of activities to get involved in.

In 1922 I got my first car, a Model T Ford touring car, two seater with a top that you could take down. The car, with some extras, cost $345.00. To have a car even with all the problems, was real exciting. It sure was better than trolley cars and walking. With a car I got around quite a lot. In 1928, I got a new Essex car. It sure was nice, a two- tone blue.

I went to Botts Dancing School to their ballroom dances. It was a real nice place. There I met a girl I liked and I asked to take her home. Her name was Mildred Smith and now her name is Mildred Bernard. We had a lot of good times together and on July 2, 1930 we got married at St. James Church in Dayton Ohio. Her sister, Clara Smith, was bridesmaid and my brother, Lawrence, was best man. We moved into our honeymoon house on Danner Avenue and began our new life together.

Raymond J. Bernard
(1901-1993)

THE FRANK J. BERNARD HOMESTEAD

The Frank Bernard Homestead at the corner of Huwer and Goettemoeller Roads, Marion Township, Mercer County Ohio consisted of 94 acres, mostly flat farmland. Going into the driveway to the north was the machine shed where Dad kept his farm implements: the wheat mower, hay mower, corn planter, wheat planter, and hay rake. Just west was the roof filled with sawdust for insulation. It stayed pretty cool in the summer and was frost proof in the winter. We kept fruit and vegetables in it and they kept real good.

A little farther west was Mom's flower garden, she had the most beautiful many colored flowers all summer till into the fall. In the flower garden was a stone and brick hearth. She would build a fire in the fire brick oven and when the fire was out she would rake out the ashes and put in the pans and pans of bake goods and let it bake. The stones and brick would absorb enough heat to bake anything just perfect, and the baked goods sure were good. To the north was the garden, grape arbor, and fruit orchard. We always had lots of good fruit.

The house originally was a log house with rooms added as needed. As I remember it , there was a big living room, a big kitchen, two bedrooms down stairs, a room upstairs, and a nice big porch facing the south with a small room at the end of the porch. We had a nice big yard with three big shade trees where Lawrence and I spent much of our summer hours. There was a hammock hooked from one tree to the other which was a nice place to relax. Just south of the house was a summer kitchen that we used for cooking in the not summer time to keep the house a little cooler. By the summer kitchen was a deep water well that had a chain lift to pump up the water. It had little cups about six inches apart and when they went through the water they would fill up and bring the water up to the spout. There was a dinner bell used to signal time to eat and also for emergency. To the back was a smoke house that was used to smoke meat, and back of that was the privy.

Coming up the driveway to the south of the house was the chicken coop where the chickens roosted and laid the eggs but they made nests all over the place and Lawrence and I had to gather them most of the time. Next to the chicken coop was a big barn. To the west was the milk house where we kept

the milk and cream. Back of this was a wind pump and Dad had it fixed so the water pumped into a large tank in the milk house and that would keep the milk and cream cool. From there the water would run into a tank where the cows and horses could drink. Then west was the hog shed and granary. Back of this building was the lane that went to the fields and woods. Almost every farm had a woods and most of the woods had a water pond. To go to school we had to take this lane through the woods and about a mile down the road to the school, a pretty long stretch in the winter.

Farming was a real striving life, always hoping to be rewarded for intense effort. Our folks must have had great courage and lots of love and desire to strive for and achieve a successful and happy life on their farm. To raise their large family, as successful as they did, was a virtuous achievement. They surely loved all their children immensely.

Raymond J. Bernard
(1901 - 1993)

REGINA BERNARD HOYING
(1902 - 1992)

Grandma was born in 1902 in Maria Stein, Ohio. She was the youngest of nine children. Her father was a brick mason who helped build many of the churches in this area. Her mother was an excellent seamstress and homemaker.

As a young girl, Grandma was very intelligent and won many area spelling contests. Her knowledge of geography and history helped us all. She kept everyone healthy with the knowledge she got from her hygiene book, but we figured she got it from her brother, Dr. John, who gave her great medical advice.

In 1921, she married Grandpa and they moved to a farm in St. Patrick, Ohio, near Minster. If all her children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren got together, it comes to approximately 103. Grandpa and Grandma, you certainly are leaders of a clan.

Grandma was very interested in education and made sure her children all obtained a job skill or college education. Her greatest disappointment, which she often told us as she choked back tears, was that she was not allowed to obtain a higher education. She often said she would have walked from Maria Stein to Minster High School in order to go to school. Her parents thought that only the boys in the family should go to school. Nevertheless, Grandma was a very happy and excellent homemaker. She was always content with her life on the farm raising her ten children.

A few years ago, I had to write an essay about one of the most influential people in my life. That important person was Grandma. She was one of the most positive people I know and made an impact on so many people's lives.

Grandma always looked on the brighter side of things. She encouraged her children and us grandchildren to do the best we possibly could, to try harder and definitely not be a quitter. Grandma had many quotes. I will mention only five:

"I Love You" ... "It's not so bad" ... "Keep your chin up"
"Try to be happy" ... "Make the best of it."

In the last eleven months in the nursing home when we told her we loved her, she always repeated even until the day before she died, "I love you too." She loved to give a kiss and hug and receive one in return. Grandma should be remembered mostly for her tremendous faith in the power of prayer, especially the rosary.

When there was a serious illness, bad accident, or a problem in the family, Grandma's heart ached for all, and she took action with the rosary novena which took her 27 days in petition and 27 days in thanksgiving.

Even when Grandma worked very late at night, she still sat down and said one or two rosary novenas for different intentions. She said them for her children or their spouses, for those of us looking for good jobs, for college choices, for illnesses, for healthy babies, and, oh yes, Grandma was a praying matchmaker. She prayed for many of the grandchildren to find a nice partner in marriage. To Grandma, the in-laws were just as dear to her as her own children. In the last years Grandma had so many requests that she was praying eight rosaries a day, but she did say "that was a bit much" along with the work she needed to do. She said the rosary with one of her daughters even until the last week. Grandma, what a devotion to our Blessed Mother you had!

Grandma made many a visit to the Relic Chapel in Maria Stein in times of special needs. Grandma had great faith and felt great changes occur as a result of praying in the Relic chapel. Also, she made sure she made all the First Fridays and First Saturday Masses.

Grandma was very ambitious and had so much spunk and endless energy. Her philosophy in life was to get the work finished first and then play. She always wanted things exactly in their place. Grandma took a great pride in whatever she did and did it the best that she possibly could. She was so organized with her work, in the planning of all the weddings, in the first Mass celebration, and in all the other special occasions. She planned months in advance and never waited until the last minute.

In later years, afghans were her speciality. She made them for all her children, all her grandchildren for their graduations and for all those babies and also for friends. We think she made over 100 afghans. What a wonderful skill!

Another great pleasure for Grandma was her flowers, especially her roses. She grew gladiolus for church arrangements and had a large assortment of flowers at the farm and the beautiful roses in Minster. She would always show us Grandpa's favorite yellow rose bush and encouraged us to take some home. She took care of all her flowers and the house until she was 88 years old. When I see a rose I always think of you.

Grandma certainly loved music. As a young girl, she walked two to three miles to take piano lessons. She encouraged all her daughters to take piano lessons. In fact, to entice them she told them that they would not have to help with the evening dinner dishes if they would practice the piano. I think Grandma did lots of dishes! At least I can bet my mom took her up on that one. She loved to have the family sing together. Christmas celebrations were not complete until Grandma got out the mimeographed sheets of Christmas Carols. We sang most of them even though we laughed and made up different words and added drum beats. I will remember those 'pa rum pa rum pas.' Even in the nursing home, she sang two favorite songs with some of her children. Last Tuesday, even though she did not talk other than saying "I love you," she still sang, 'You are My Sunshine' and 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart.'

In the last eleven months when Grandma was at the nursing home, it was a heartache for her children when Grandma would say, "Take me home." Grandma, you now are home! Home with Our Lord and with Grandpa!

I would like to end this tribute to you Grandma by using words from two of your favorite songs. You, Grandma, are our sunshine, let us call you sweetheart, and we love you too!!

Sherri Thieman
Read at Regina Hoying's Funeral Mass September 10, 1992
Text by Margie Thieman

HILDA ROLFES THOBE

I was born near Maria Stein Ohio on a one-hundred thirty-five acre farm. We had a nice family consisting of my mother and father, two brothers, three sisters and me which made six children. My mother passed away when I was six years old and my father never remarried. I remember that Dad took her to Dr. Wilke in Maria Stein for treatment and he advised him to take her to the new young doctor in Minster who then treated her but she did not live long. When she was dying, Dad brought all of us to their downstairs bedroom where she was so that we could be with her standing around the bed when she died. I can still remember the horse drawn hearse which was hitched in our yard. Mother was only forty-two and died from diabetes.

Since my older sister, Rosina, was eighteen, she had to keep house and organize the rest of us. I also had a little sister only three years old at the time of Mother's death. All of us had to work hard together in order to make a go of it. We would get up about six or six-thirty in the morning. Then we girls had to help with breakfast. After breakfast we had a few chores to do like feeding the chickens and washing the dishes, and packing our lunches before we went to school. Our school, the one room Puthoff School, was about a mile from where we lived. We had to walk there each morning getting there about eight-thirty. Sometimes in winter when there was four or five feet of snow on the ground Dad hitched a team or horses to a big sled and took us to school and maybe back in the afternoon when other kids would join us on the way home. School would begin at nine and one teacher, Mr. Reichert, would teach all eight grades. There were about forty or forty-two children. It would last until three-thirty. When we got home we had to change clothes, eat a bite, then it was time for evening chores such as feeding and milking the cows, feeding the chickens, gathering the eggs and filling the wood box with wood. We had a big old fashioned wood burning stove to cook and bake on and that took a lot of wood!

When I was thirteen and in the eighth grade, my father, who was on the Board of Education, insisted that I was needed to keep house for him and the family. Therefore I was taken out of school and immediately thrust into the routine of maintaining the family's home.

Grandma Magdalena Rolfes and Aunt Katie helped us a great deal after

Mom died. Dad would bring them big piles of clothes to be patched and mended. Grandma liked to sing a great deal especially old German songs. Always on the Saturday before Easter Dad would take us to their house for lunch and she always had baked huge sugar cookies which was quite a treat for us. She would laugh so hard as we were eating, and since she was a very large woman, her total body would shake as she laughed.

We loved our parents very much. They were strict but not mean. They would only have to tell us once what we had to do and we had better do it. We would never think of talking back to them or being smart-aleck to them. They had a certain "look" they would give us and we knew what to do. At that time parties were important in the neighborhood. If we went out two nights, we would ask dad to try to go out the third night. Dad would say "Alright, but when you come home the doors will be locked!" That didn't happen very often.

Dad also played the accordion. After supper he often would tell us stories and played the accordion afterwards. I don't remember how many accordions that he had worn out--playing so much music.

We had lots of relatives in the neighborhood and lots of uncles and aunts. I can still remember when Uncle Frank Rolfes and his family moved into the old brick Bernard School which he fixed up and renovated. We were mighty happy to have them near us.

There were lots of good times back then and we had a good life and a good family.

Hilda Rolfes Thobe
Akron, Ohio

AGNES BERNARD VOSKUHL

Agnes Bernard, oldest child of Frank and Mary (Bertke) Bernard, worked in a bank in Osgood after graduating from the eighth grade. After moving to Celina, she was able to work in a bank in Celina. It was there that she met and married Albert Voskuhl of Marshall, Oklahoma on 10 June 1924. They decided to move to Oklahoma in 1925. She said that as they were going to the new farm in Oklahoma Albert told her every 'shack' they saw was where they would live-so when they finally got to the house she was pleased. The house was a copy of his grandparent's house in Coldwater, Ohio! I am quite sure it was quite different as it was in the country with no electricity, plumbing, phone, radio, or gas. The only running water was what you run to the pump to get in a pail. This pail was used for drinking and had a community dipper in it. Oklahoma is very flat with red dirt, little foliage, and isolated. The farm is five a one-half miles from the nearest small town. My grandparents (Albert's parents) John and Cora (Hofferd) Voskuhl lived on a farm close to us. They were originally from Coldwater Ohio. They went to Oklahoma when it was Indian Territory in 1907. My father Albert told many stories about working in the Tulsa oilfields in the late teens and early 1920s. He also told of some outlaws spending the night in the barn. It seems Cora fixed them breakfast and they were on their way. They even paid her for the meal.

Farm life for me meant getting up at 5:00 a.m. and helping with chores. Summers, we were all farmhands. I could 'shuck' wheat as well as my brothers. They never learned to set the table or wash dishes, however.

We made our own soap, canned bushels of fruits and vegetables, also meat. We even ground our wheat for flour and cereal. Bedtime was at 8:00 p.m. when Mom would blow out the coal oil lamp. You had better be ready for bed as it was pitch black when that light went out. Summer we would sleep on the porch. I go back now and marvel at how many stars there are in the sky. Here in the Houston area we can see maybe a dozen on a clear night.

We had Mass once a month when the visiting priest could make it over the dirt roads. I look back now on all of this happy stress-free time and wish my grandchildren could have some of it! My parents moved from the farm in 1965. My mother still lives in Hennessey, Oklahoma.

Now to my brothers and myself:

Leo Jerome: He grew up on our farm in Oklahoma and was drafted in the army in May of 1943 and was stationed at Camp Swift near Austin, Texas. There he married a local woman at the age of nineteen and later moved to Stillwater, OK where he enrolled in Oklahoma A. and M. in the first Veterinarian class of that college. After graduating in 1951 he opened a Veterinary Hospital and Clinic in Kingfisher where he still practices. Frequently animals (cats, dogs, and even a monkey) that were brought to him ended up in his yard as he only injected the ones that could not get well. He served as president of his state association, lectures at Oklahoma State and was honored with a scholarship in his name. In addition to being a farmer/rancher he has been on the Board of Education for many years. He is very active in local civic activities and was honored in 1991 for his forty years of service to Kingfisher.

Cyril Francis: The youngest in our family, Cyril worked on the farm, and the nearby oil fields. He was also drafted in the army during the 1950's and was stationed in Washington. He married in 1954. Upon his return to civilian life he enrolled in the University of Oklahoma and received his degree in business in 1960. He initially worked for the state government but in 1965 moved to Hennessey where he continues to work as a farmer and rancher. His wife Dodie manages an insurance business.

Majorie Lucille Voskuhl Dacus: I was the second child and first born in Oklahoma and graduated from St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Oklahoma City in 1948. Two incidents I remember well. I was coming off hospital duty and just as I walked out the hospital duty all the windows in the nurses home opened and everyone was yelling. It was V-J Day! I immediately went downtown and in all the crowd I ran into a Marshall classmate who was in the Navy. The second time I was the student nurse assigned to the Emergency Room. It was the night in April 1947 that a tornado had taken out the town of Woodward killing 108 persons and injuring some 400 plus. We were the charity hospital and received the most serious cases. I went to Enid Air Force Base as it was being reopened and served as dispensary,

open where enlisted airmen served as ward boys and I was responsible for the records and all medications. It was here I met my future husband, Dayle, a 2nd Lt. flight instructor pilot, who was a patient there. After his release from the hospital, we got married. Dayle Dacus was a B-25 instructor who had graduated from pilot training at Enid in 1949. He flew 55 combat missions over Korea receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. Returning from Korea, he was assigned to South Carolina and later to Texas.

We traveled a lot in the Air Force. The first ten years he continued as an Instructor Pilot and we lived in Enid, OK, Sumter, SC, twice in Selma and Montgomery, AL, Winter Haven, and West Palm Beach. There was also Waco, Lubbock, and San Antonio TX. The next ten years he was with Air Sea Rescue. Four of those were in Prestwick, Scotland, San Francisco CA Sondestrom, Greenland, Del City, OK, and Orlando FL. A special memory for me was the time I went to Rome and at the Vatican I was so close to Pope John XXIII that I could have touched him. The first three or four rows were American as it seems some people try to grab him. The Italians were in the last rows and they yelled at him.

We retired from the military in Del City OK in 1967. Dayle became a chief pilot for Sequoyah Carpet Company until 1973 and flew the last plane to Iceland. In 1973 we moved to Houston TX where Dayle became a pilot for Transco, Thunderbird Airways, and the John Mecom Co. He is currently with Houston Industries, Inc. I did my last nursing at a local hospital in 1981.

Dayle is 65 and is planning to retire in July 1994 and play golf, golf, and more golf. I spend a good deal of time taking care of my grandchildren which gives me great joy.

Marjorie Voskuhl Dacus
September 1993

ALVERA BERNARD CLARK

I, Alvera Mary Bernard Clark, daughter of Frank Bernard and Mary Bertke Bernard, was born in Coldwater, Ohio, Mercer County, on February 6, 1905. I recall very little about my very early childhood other than remembering that we had wonderful visits with my uncle Jacob Bernard and Cecelia Bertke Bernard. They were related to us on both sides as he was my father's brother and she a sister to my mother. Dad was a partner with him as a blacksmith. In 1910 when I was five years old, we moved to Osgood, Ohio in Darke County. There were always jobs to do there: knocking the bugs off the potatoes, hoeing in the garden, and carrying coal for burning. We made numerous treks each day to get our drinking water from a town well, hand pumped, about a half block from our home.

Our home was equipped with gas lights, later electric ones. The "frig" was a huge tile implanted in the ground. Butter, etc. was kept in a bucket in the cistern to keep it intact. We had a gas hot plate, a big kitchen range with a hot water tank or reservoir and a large coal burning stove in the living room.

Our little town had one bank where my sister Agnes worked after eighth grade graduation, two churches: one Catholic and one Protestant, one saloon, one hardware store, and a meat market where Mr. Leeper would often send home packages of liver. The Charles Meyer General Store also was the place we picked up our mail - Box # 13. It burned in a disastrous fire and was a complete loss. Later the post office moved to a different small building. Then there was the Ice House, a half block from our house. We were always amazed how the big blocks of ice would keep, with saw-dust between, during the hot summer months. The doctor's office was a mile south in Yorkshire.

A special memory that I have is when I was nine years old I was asked and honored to welcome home the newlyweds, Uncle Leo Bernard Bertke and Aunt Anna Josephine (Lindhaus) after their marriage on June 10, 1914. It was held Cassella, Ohio at my Grandpa Bertke's home place and I had to make a welcoming speech with the ribbon cutting ceremony in doorway at the old home place.

I received my First Holy communion on May 11, 1913 in St. Nicholas Church Osgood. I remember preparing so much for it and it really was a special day.

The following year, 1915, after the birth of their first son Leander, I was called upon to help with the new baby and household chores including the garden. I also helped out at other relatives' homes including the Albert Magatoe family in Versailles and at the Lizzie Bertke Poeppelman home near Chickasaw. In the last place I didn't know any other children in the area and became homesick because I missed my baby brother Leo. So I took my 25 pound flour sack, packed it with my mere belongings and went to the C.H. and D. tracks to catch a train home. I felt comfortable because that same train always passed our home on Railroad Street in Osgood. They were surprised when I returned home. We never got money for working at these places because money was so scarce and because we were related to them and they needed the help. One time I remember getting some blue old fashioned material for working.

Yes, we the oldest of the Bernard clan found there was much work involved with the blacksmith shop. I particularly remember that we had to chase flies from the horses while Dad did the shoe-repair and replacement jobs. We had to fetch and replace tools and nuts and bolts for him and they always had to be in the right spot. Especially this was true after he replaced or put on new rims on both large and small wagon wheels. Naturally and of course Pop got mighty thirsty on such a tiresome and hot job. So we would take in hand a small blue/white pail six or seven inches in width with a wire handle and without a cover. We would take this little pail to the local saloon about a half block from the shop and ask for a dimes worth of draft beer. When we returned Pop would say "Do you want some?" The answer would be "No, the bitter stuff." We wouldn't say that when we are thirsty today! Right?

We always had exciting times at home especially at Christmas, Halloween, and New Year. Due to our small house (there was a kitchen, dining room, folk's bedroom, living room, and two bedrooms upstairs), with our parents and seven children, there wasn't space nor money necessary for birthday parties or Christmas trees. But old Santa came never-the-less leaving perhaps an orange, candy, and material for dresses, etc. We were always content and satisfied. One special year both Agnes and I each got a big doll, one in pink, the other in blue. We didn't especially like the colors but oh! no, we never made the switch because we knew the gifts were especially chosen by Santa. Easter too was a special holiday. Each spring we would have to clean the coal shed for our Easter nests that were filled with fresh green grass.

And yes, one year we were pleasantly surprised when a huge nest of dark brown Easter eggs were hidden and found in the Blacksmith Shop!

My eighth grade graduation from the Osgood Public School was on a Monday, June 10, 1919, and quite an event. There were fourteen students and I was salutatorian. I remember reciting a speech that my Uncle Henry Bernard had written for me and getting our grade photograph. I wore a small gold cross of my mothers' that she had worn for her First Communion.

We moved to Celina Ohio in 1920. That was quite a move from Osgood for us because we didn't know many people there but we had a nice big house on North Main Street. We all missed our old friends back home but soon made new ones. Dad continued blacksmithing with Fred Suhr.

Since I was fifteen years old, I was able to get several jobs. One of them was at the Cigar Factory and another was being dishwasher at the Manhattan Restaurant. I, like so many others, worked in the local tomato canning factory doing long hours in a hot sweaty atmosphere.

Then in 1921, a group of my friends including Mary and Margaret Mersman coaxed and persuaded me to enter Immaculate Conception High School for the 1921-22 school year with a business course in typing, bookkeeping, etc. The tuition was $9.00 a year! I graduated after one year receiving a high school diploma through the courtesy of Sisters Redempta and Hilaria.

My first job offer after graduation was with the Turriche Brothers, Ed and Fred, at the Celina Sweet Shop. We did all sorts of things including dipping ice cream and jerking soda, etc. Here Mr. Theodore Brandts came in and offered me a job as secretary at the Celina Specialty Company. I worked six days a week from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. doing all sorts of jobs including answering the telephone (something we never had at home), being a receptionist, taking care of all the bookkeeping, recording sales and commissions. In a two week period, I believe that I typed some 500 letters! I really enjoyed my work there. Unfortunately, there was a fire which destroyed everything so I took a break and visited my sister Agnes (the Voskuhls) in Oklahoma. It was such a long train trip from Celina to Enid OK where they met me and on to their farm in Oklahoma.

Several months later I returned to Celina and again went to work for Mr. Brandts at the Celina-Maid Furniture Company. They made bedroom and dining room furniture but later went into bankruptcy and receivership. But another opportunity developed when Mr. Frank Sommers asked me to come to the Brandt Furniture Company to serve as secretary where I stayed until my marriage in 1934.

On October 6, 1925 our family again moved to Kenton, Ohio. But the twins, Jerome and Henrietta, and I stayed in Celina to protect our jobs. In 1928 while still in Celina I was introduced in a local restaurant to my future husband, Dr. Joseph William Clark. Rhetta McCoy, sister of Mrs. Joseph Oppenheim of Coldwater, was secretary to the popular local Democratic attorney, Frank L. Kloeb, who was a friend of my father, did the honors of introducing us. After six years of dating we were married in Immaculate Conception Church in Celina on Thursday May 17, 1934. First we moved to Dr. Joe's home town of Paulding, Ohio until 1936 when we moved to Delphos to take over his older brother, Dr. D. J. Clark's practice, due to illness.

Here again many more jobs opened up for me working at the Voting Booths during the election time in both Van Wert and Allen Counties. I was Registrar of Vital Statistics for the city for some twelve to fifteen years when the Health Department was moved to Lima, Ohio. Dr. Joe was also City Health Commissioner for a number of years beginning in 1939 prior to the move to Lima. I was active in St. John's parish serving as financial Secretary Treasurer of the local Altar-Rosary society for several years and held the same position with the Catholic Daughters of America. For twenty-five years I was Secretary-Treasurer of the St.John's Fall Festival.

Both my husband and I were active in the Ohio Osteopathic Association. Dr. Joe served on the Board of Tustees representing District #2 Lima Academy, was a life member of the American National Osteopathic Association in Chicago, as well as the Ohio Osteopathic Association of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1955 I served as chairman of the Student Loan and Research Committee of the Auxiliary of the Ohio Osteopathic Association and on the following year served as Scholarship Chairman writing a front page article for our local Bulletin. I was requested to serve as National Scholarship Chairman but turned down the request since I was treasurer. I also served six years as State Treasurer of that organization but turned down a request to be

president. I still retain life membership in both the National and State Auxiliaries.

I am active in St. John's parish here in Delphos never missing Sunday Mass. I have compiled many genealogy records of our immediate family and maintain them. Of course I value the Democratic Party as most Bernards do and am supportive of our current President Clinton. Finally, I always have and continue to follow the Cincinnati Reds.

I always have and continue to honor and cherish my Bernard heritage. The Bernard name continues to be a source of pride to me.

Alvera Mary Bernard Clark
Delphos, Ohio

LEO J. BERNARD

I was born January 25, 1914 in Osgood, Ohio, the seventh and last child of Frank(1877-1946) and Mary Bertke(1882-1970) Bernard. Both my brother LeRoy(1911-1943) and I were delivered by Dr. Hattery and baptized in St. Nicholas Church by Father Bergheager. By that time Dad had opened his own blacksmith shop in Osgood beside our two-story house. Both buildings were rather large. I often thought of the relationship of my father working with iron and horseshoes and our ancestor Leon who made leather shoes for the citizens of Rechesy. My father began his blacksmith trade around 1895 when he was eighteen working for an Irish blacksmith by the name of Groghan. I treasure a very old set of iron shoemaker's equipment that was in my father's family and used many times.

I often think of Osgood with fond memories of that town from 1914 to 1920. I had three friends, Jiggs Alexander, Ernie Greishop, and Billy Schwieterman, and at the tender age of five or six we made cigarettes out of cornsilk. Then we also would put PARIS GREEN on the potato and tomato plants to kill bugs in the large garden behind the house and blacksmith shop. We also built an Eskimo igloo of snow with an imaginary stove, a brass incense burner. In the blacksmith shop we would have to hold a snub in the horses's mouth while "Pop" shod the horse, and always pump the bellows for air on the hot coals while Pop was working on horseshoes, plow shears, or strap and metal tires for wagon wheels. There was the Armistice of World War I when a cousin had a touring car and was riding around Osgood celebrating and coming to our house. One year during the War, nine of us walked to Yorkshire-a distance of one mile – to Dr. Fisher's office in order to be vaccinated. The music from the Victrola thrilled us as we listened to Madame Schumann-Heink, especially when she sang "Stille Nacht" on our Victor record on Christmas Eve. There was also Enrico Caruso on"His Master's Voice" as we called the Victor records. Each year before Christmas the priest would have the kids in and give each of them a little box of hard candy with string as a handle. One year he asked us what important event happened on December 25th. One little fellow got up and said "It's Frank Bernard's birthday" and he was right!

My eldest sister Agnes started to work for the Osgood Bank under Gust Reichert at the age of fourteen. When we moved to Celina she was

immediately hired at the First National Bank. She married Albert Voskuhl in 1924 and then moved to a farm in Oklahoma.

We moved to Celina in 1920 as the bulk of the blacksmith trade, the wagon wheels, the horse shoes, were being replaced by tractors, manure spreaders, etc. Pop was hired by Fred Suhr who had a blacksmith shop there. Shortly after my eighth birthday, I started to pass papers for the "Celina Standard" on Mill Street. My brother LeRoy had Walnut Street and my other brother Jerome fed sliding papers through the folding and printing process with his left hand. We went to Immaculate Conception School- a new school only three years old- where I got a lot of holy pictures from the good teaching sisters. Father George Hinderlang was pastor and Father August Halter, a very pious and highly regarded assistant. I always thought the copper dome of Immaculate Conception Church was like St. Peter's in Rome. Likewise I remember the smooth sidewalks around the church, perfect for roller skating though it was unauthorized. The town's basketball team called Celina Aces was mostly made up of I.C. school players including Ed Hamburger who was a star player.

With Jim Sacher, we used a sponge ball and a open ended salmon can for a hoop. Talk about fun! And now my special friends in Celina: Pete Fischer whose father was a meat market owner; Bill Brandts, whose father Edmond and Uncle Theodore Brandts were owners of the Celina Speciality Company, a furniture company later renamed the Celina Maid Furniture Company; and 'Cootey' Ott whose father owned a meat market. Then there was Freddy Mersman whose father was one of the owners of the Mersman Table Company-where my brother Jerome and Agnes' husband, Al Voskuhl worked. My two sisters, Henrietta and Alvera, were office workers at the Celina Specialty Company until the entire plant burned down. Mr. Brandts, their boss, asked them not to take another job as he would build a new factory and hire them back when he rebuilt.

I married Elizabeth (Betty) Fox, daughter of Dr. D.C. Fox and Katharine Rose McArthur Fox, on June 2, 1941. The McArthur-Fox families were of Irish-Scottish English-Welsh ancestry. Katharine McArthur's mother was a Clark, of Irish descent. Her McArthur ancestors were a pioneer family from Chillicothe arriving in Hardin County in 1818. However, due to the disturbing incidents of our Native American Indians, they returned to Chillicothe, not

returning to Hardin County until 1823. Betty's grandfather was a prominent farmer, civic leader, road builder, and financial advisor. Another ancestor, Allan McArthur, was the first white child born in Hardin County. Betty graduated from Kenton High School in 1932 as I did. Thereafter she went to the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. She transferred after two years to Ohio State University and received her B.S. in Business Administration in 1936. She began her business career at the O.M. Scott Seed Company in Marysville, Ohio. In 1938, she returned to Kenton to head the gift department at the Kraus Jewelry Store. In Kenton, Betty has been active in civic, church, university, literary and musical groups. For many years Betty helped with the children's choir of Immaculate Conception Church, serving as their organist. She organized the Resurrection Choir and served as organist for the group playing Sundays and holydays.

Furniture must have been running through my mind as I worked for two different stores three and one-half years each before launching my career in the furniture business with my brother Jerome. We established the first of five Bernard Furniture Stores on February 17, 1941. Jerome, however, entered the service in 1942 and was featured on the April 28, 1943 front cover of "Click" a prominent national magazine. I entered the service on April 21, 1943 arriving in Liverpool Harbor in England on December 22 of that same year. I was assigned to the 8th Division Air Force and served in five different locations in England. During this time Betty and our son Daniel returned to Kenton and resided with her mother. I also was at Fort Collins, Colorado at Colorado State University for studies in engineering and operations. In August of 1943 we received very sad news that my brother LeRoy was wounded and died in action at the Munda Air Strip in the South Pacific in New Guinea on August 02. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his role during the War and we grieved greatly over his death. Mom and Pop realized that their three "star" soldiers had been reduced to two and that only six of their seven children remained. Months later a letter that Leo had sent to LeRoy inviting him to become a partner in the furniture business was returned to us, having never been opened.

After serving thirty-three months, on December 7, 1945 I returned to the United States from Le Havre France on the liberty ship The Ponce De Leon, a name similar to the ship La Leonarde which brought Leon Bernard to our country in 1828! I arrived at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia on 22 December

1945. I was processed through Indian Town Gap, PA and arrived in Kenton the 29th of December - in time to celebrate New Years on January 1, 1946 with Betty, our son Daniel, and my mother and father. On July 7, 1946 the second Bernard Furniture Store opened in Carey. We employed Ed Franz also of Kenton.

Joining our son Dan were the following children: Michael (1946), and Kathy (1948). We built a ranch home in late 1947 in time for the twins, Anne and Marie, born in 1952. We returned to Kenton on January 1, 1956 leaving a host of friends and memories in Carey.

Our third furniture store had opened in Upper Sandusky in May of 1950 with Ed Franz assuming the role as manager. However I launched another store in Carey in 1953 with Charles Mericle serving as manager. By the end of 1955 Jerome and I sold the Upper Sandusky store to employees and I sold my Carey store to Jerome, and the Carey Wallpaper and Paint store to another merchant. By January 1956 I purchased the Jennings Furniture Store in Kenton which I owned and managed until my retirement in 1974. This had been my second place of employment in 1937! So from 1934 until 1974 I completed nearly 40 years in the furniture retail business.

Upon my return to Kenton, I became active in various civic organizations including president of the Kenton Chamber of Commerce, a board member and life-time member of the American Heart Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the American Legion. I also served as a director of the Kenton National Bank, the San Antonio Hospital, and the Amcon Industrial Manufacturing Plant. We have also traveled several times to England, France, and Germany.

Golf has been one of my primary interests since I was one of the first eight caddies at the original Spring Grove Course in Kenton. I have played in St. Andrews in Scotland along with other courses is England and Ireland. I have also played in many of the National Open Courses in the USA and Canada.

We are very proud of our family as all of our children have graduated from noted universities including Notre Dame, Duke, Ohio State, Xavier, Iowa State, Denver University, University of Michigan and St. Mary's College. With over 28 years of higher education, they have divergent professions and

reside in Ohio, Colorado, and Washington.

So you can see that of this family tree, begun in 1560, is a combination of various nationalities. We think it as the top of the tree or at least very good twigs! When I drive through Mercer County and see St. Rose Church I think of my paternal grandmother Agnes Tepe (b. 1850 Damme Germany) who would go there before daylight and before the doors were opened and pray on those steps until the church opened. In 1990 I had the opportunity to visit her birthplace in Germany and to meet grand-nieces and nephews. The Tepe family are prominent landowners, farmers and bankers near Damme by Ankum Germany where my mother's ancestors were born and resided. The farm has been in the family for 300-500 years! I came within 70 miles of Beurnevesin Switzerland, home of Catherine Kilker, our immigrant ancestor's wife. Unfortunately I did not know of Rechesy being the home of the Bernards as I only knew they came from the Alsace-Lorraine area of France at that point in time.

As I have related to you the memories of the Bernard family through the years, I want you to know that I am very proud to be one of them. I am not making history - I am simply writing what I know of our history as of October 24, 1993. My admonition is to you children of the 6th generation - ask your mothers and fathers to help you compile and start records as soon as you finish reading this. You have been given one of the rarest gifts, an accurate and complete genealogy of your ancestors.

Leo J. Bernard
Kenton, Ohio

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In the analysis of the Leon Bernard Family, as in other genealogical studies, there remain some areas which would benefit from additional research. The process of genealogical analysis of this family will continue as additional information is unearthed and as other members of this family become interested in the exploration of data surrounding their family background and origins.

As a researcher of the Bernard family, I have proposed several additional areas that have potential for additional research and study. They are as follows:

1. The ancestors of the Catherine Kilker in Switzerland have not been compiled. It is assumed that Jean Pierre Kilker was a brother to Joseph Kilker, the father of Catherine. The marriage record of Jean Pierre and Magdalena Frotes notes that his parents were Georgie Ignatius Kilker and Margaurita Prusot (?). Their children included Jean Jacob (b. 1790), Jean Guillaume(b. 1792), Ursula (d.1803), and Charles (b. 1795). Immediately following the marriage record of Joseph Kilker and Jeanne Marie Frery, was a statement acknowledging that Joseph Kilker was the father of Peter Joseph born of Jeanne Marie Frery two years earlier. There remain several descendants of the Kilker family from Beurnevesin residing in the Geneva area but they have shown minimal interest in their history.

2. The parents of the paternal grandmother of Leon Bernard (See Pedigree Chart #1, Agatha Galliat [1726-1786]) remain undisclosed. Records note that a Pierre Galliat married Magdelaine Chalmey on 14 May 1720. The births of four children were recorded: Jacque (1713), Pierre (1716), Jean George (1722), and Eve on 07 Mar 1729. This Eve may be Agatha. Is her birth record missing for another reason? The marriage record contains the groom's father signature but nothing of the bride's father. A dispensation is noted for the 4th degree of blood relationship. Her death entry lists her as about 60 years of age so there can be variations of the year of her birth. In other records she's named as Anne Agathe several times and even once as Elizabeth. A Marie Elizabeth was born in 1723 to Jean Jacques Galliat and Marie Chalmey. This person would be five years older than Jean Pierre Bernard, her husband, which would be an unusual age match.

3. The date and cause of the death of Catherine Kilker Bernard in Maria Stein Ohio have not been documented. Church records of St. John in Maria Stein and St. Augustine in Minster have not yielded results. Nor has research of the probate court records in Celina Ohio provided any information.

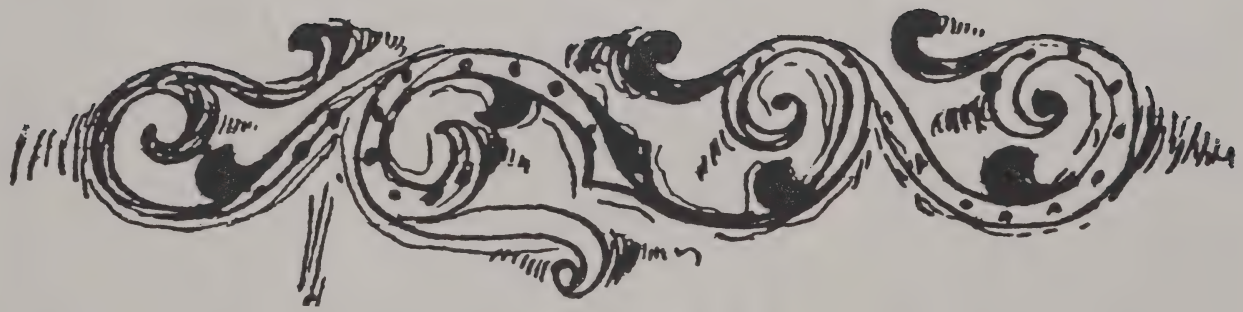
4. The branches of the families of John (#10 - b.1832) and Louis (#11 - b.1836) Bernard remain undiscovered. Census records of California and Illinois have not shown their presence.

5. The specific relationship of Margaret Agnes DeCurtins Bernard (wife of #8 Leon Bernard) to the DeCurtins Family in Carthagena has not been determined.

6. June Anna Washburn (#203- b.1920) of Cincinnati Ohio has not been located. Advertisements in Cincinnati newspapers in 1993 resulted in no additional information regarding her.

7. A sociological and anthropological analysis of the data contained within this study might yield important information regarding the development of a rural family during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Potential areas of analysis might include the comparative ages of men and women during significant life events, the upward class mobility through marriage, the development of professions, the integration of family members with various ethnic groups, alternate life styles, the roles of women, changing roles relating to educational attainment, and residential stability of various families.

8. Finally, it is hoped that another family member will continue this genealogy to contain the sixth and seventh generations so that continuity of this Bernard family can be maintained. Minimally such a genealogy might be limited to those individuals and families who retain the Bernard name. In some families the material already is available.



APPENDICES

Marriage Record of Pierre Andre Bernard and Paulina Chalmey
Parents Of Leon Bernard
07 July 1784

Chalmey administrator

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bey
petrus Ber
nard.
paulina
Chalmey

anno domini millesimo septingentesimo octogesimo
quarto die vero septimo mensis julii petrus Bernard filius
legitimus defuncti petri joannis Bernard et agathae galliat
aetatis suae vigesimo quinto circiter anno ex una parte
et paulina filia legitima petri chalmey et margaritha
Hantz aetatis suae decimo nono anno ex altera parte post
publicationem trinam Bannorum nemine obstante et
de consensu parentum quorumque interest et post obtentam
dispensationem tertii consanguinitatis gradus sacro matri
monii vinculo juncti sunt coram me infrascripto presbytero
et administratore in Rechesy praesentibusque jacobo Ber
nard georgio madeux petro antonio petro Hantz petro
chalmeij josepho chalmeij joanne petro chavanne
infrascriptis una cum sponsis omnibusque ex Rechesy
jacque Bernard georgo madeux Pierre antoine
hantz

In the year 1784, on the seventh of July, Pierre Bernard, legitimate son of the late Pierre Jean Bernard and Agathe Galliat, age approximately twenty-five, on one side; and Paulina, legitimate daughter of Pierre Chalmey and Maguerite Hantz, age approximately nineteen, on the other side, after publication of three banns no obstacles appeared and with consent of all parents, and after obtaining dispensation of the third degree blood relationship, were joined in holy binding matrimony by me, the undersigned priest and administrator in Rechesy; witnesses: Jacque Bernard, George Madeux, Pierre Antoine Hantz, Pierre Chalmey, Jean Pierre Chavanne, undersigned, with the spouses all from Rechesy.

Leon Bernard Baptismal Record
01 November 1789

Bernard leon fils de pierre Bernard laboureur de Rahesy
et de marie appoline chalmey son epouse de
meme Rehesy est né et a été Baptisé le premier
jour du mois de novembre mil sept cent quatre vingt
neuf le parrain est pierre leon Hantz fils
de george Hantz marchal la marraine est
Baptême catherine patingre fille de jean pierre patingre
qui a déclaré ne savoir signer les dites de Rehesy
Leon Hantz Chalmey administrateur

Leon, son of Pierre Bernard, farmer, of Rechesy, and Marie Appoline Chalmey, his wife, also of Rechesy, was born and was baptized on the first day of November, 1789; the godfather is Pierre Leon Hantz, son of George Hantz, blacksmith; the godmother is Catherine Patingre, who declared she does not know how to sign her name both of Rechesy.

Extrait des Registres des actes de naissances
De la Commune de Réchesy

Léon fils de pierre Bernard laboureur de
Réchesy et de marie appoline Chalney son épouse
du meme Réchesy est né et a été baptisé le
premier jour du mois de novembre mil sept cent
quatre vingt neuf le parrain est leon hantz fils
de george hantz marechal la marraine est catherine
palingre fille de jean pierre palingre qui a
déclaré ne savoir signé les dens de Réchesy
signé au registre leon hantz et chalney administrateur

Certifie le présent Extrait conforme au registre des
actes de naissance, par nous maire officier des état
civil de la commune de Réchesy le dix avril 1828

Vallat

Personal Identification Document of Leon Bernard
In possession of author

Extract from the Birth registers
of the commune of Rechesy

Leon, son of Pierre Bernard, farmer, of
Rechesy, and Marie Appoline Chalmey, his wife,
also of Rechesy, was born and was baptized on the
first day of November, 1789;
the godfather is Pierre Leon Hantz, son
of George Hantz, blacksmith; the godmother is Catherine
Patingre, daughter of Jean Pierre Patingre, who
declared she does not know how to sign her name, both of Rechesy.
Signed the Register, Leon Hantz and Chalmey, administrator.

Certified this extract conforms to the Register of
Births, by us, mayor and registrar of the commune of Rechesy, 10 April 1828.

Vallat

AUCTION PROPERTIES OF LEON AND CATHERINE BERNARD[1]
RECHESY FRANCE - 29 JANUARY 1828

Before Jean-Baptiste Roland, royal notary at Delle, undersigned, and in the presence of witnesses named below appeared

Leon Bernard and Catherine Kilker, husband and wife and property owners, living together at Rechesy, the latter duly advised and authorized by her said husband for the purpose of these presents

They offer for sale by voluntary auction the properties which they own in the *finage* of Rechesy, under the following conditions

1. The principal will be due in four equal installments and payments year by year on today's date with legal interest at the rate of five percent, which will decrease with the payments; the payments will be in the hands of the sellers, of their agents or bearer of the engrossment, electing domicile to this effect in that of Jacques Jardin in Rechesy.

2. In addition to the principal, five centimes per franc will be paid in cash.

3. The properties will be sold as they exist in their current state to be enjoyed immediately; but without any other guarantee for their contents, what is more or less will be declared that the said properties are free of indictment and mortgage except for land tax, which will be paid by the purchasers after the first day of the present year.

4. The said properties will remain mortgaged by preferential and private claim until complete payment.

5. In addition, solvent and binding guarantees will be furnished if demanded.

6. Costs for the registration stamp and for drawing up the document will be paid to the said notary in a week by the purchasers.

Under these conditions, which were read by the said notary to the gathered bidders, the auction proceeded as follows:

Item 1: a field of sixteen ares, ninety-two centiares (eighteen perches) in *rond bois*, the widow of Joseph Pattingre and Jean Zimberlin on the east, Marc Cerf on the west, sold to the said Zimberlin, laborer, living at Rechesy, for seventy francs, which he agreed to pay and signed after reading 70
(signed Jean Zimberlin)

[1] Translation by Marianne Doyle

Item 2: a field of seven ares, fifty-four centiares (eight perches) in *rond bois*, the widow of Georges Florimont on the east, Pierre-Joseph Pattingre on the west, sold to Ambrose Chellet, day laborer, living at Rechesy, for forty francs, whch he agreed to and signed after reading 40

(signed Ambrose Chellet)

Item 3: a field of eight ares, forty-eight centiares (nine perches) *en haut des combres en blochorat*, the widow of Pierre Antoine Madeux on the east and Pierre Hainigne on the west, sold to Francoise Bernhard, widow of Jean Pierre Girard, living at Rechesy, for forty frances, she agreed to pay this sum and charges and after the reading said she did not know how to write or sign her name 40

Item 4: a field of eighteen ares, eighty-eight centiares (twenty perches) *en combres;* Elisabeth Chellet on the south, ... on the north, sold to Henri Vallat, mayor, living at Rechesy, for forty francs, exempt from the five centimes which he paid in cash to the sellers who gave a receipt and he signed 40

(signed Vallat)

Item 5: a field of six ares, fifty-eight centiares (seven perches) on Lake de la honebe (?), Pierre Bernard on the south and Pierre Joseph Madeux on the north, sold to Pierre-Joseph Bernard the younger, farmer at Rechesy, for thirty-seven francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 37

(signed Bernard)

Item 6: a field of nine ares, forty-two centiares (ten perches) behind *la fragier la cappe (?)*, Joseph Henri to the south and Jean-Pierre Chavanne on the north, sold to Jean-Pierre Chavanne, son of Joseph, farmer living at Rechesy, for sixty francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 60

(signed Chavanne)

Item 7: a field of eleven ares, seventy-seven centiares (twelve and one-half perches) behind *la sagier des brognes (?)*, Henri Marion on the east, Joseph Bernard on the west, sold to the latter, farmer living at Rechesy, for sixty-five francs and he agreed to the payment of this sum and charges and signed after the reading 65

(signed Bernard)

Item 8: a field of twenty-six ares, thirty-two centiares (twenty-eight perches) in *champ rotie*, Jacques Fleuri on the east, common land on the west, sold to Mathias Mahon, cartwright living at Rechesy, for ninety francs, and he agreed and signed after the reading 90

(signed Mathias Mahon)

Item 9: a field of sixteen ares, thirty-five centiares (seventeen and one-half perches) in *chevesi coiche (?)*, the widow of Pierre Antoine Roi on the east and Jean-Pierre Hants .... on the west, sold to Joseph Chavanne ...., farmer living

at Rechesy, for forty francs, he agreeed and signed after reading 40
(signed Joseph Chavanne)

Item 10: a field of eleven ares, thirty centiares (twelve perchs) in *champorin (?)*, Henri Fallat on the east, Pierre-Joseph Mideux on the west, sold to Pierre-Joseph Dechaux, farmer living at Rechesy, for seventy francs and he signed after reading 70
(signed Pierre Joseph Dechaux)

Item 11: a field of eighteen ares, eighty-four centiares (twenty perches) on lake du Bambois .... the widow of Pierre Chellet on the east and Jacques Andre on the west, sold to Jean-Pierre Girard, retired captain living at Rechesy, for two hunddred fifty-two francs, and he agreed to the payments and signed after the reading 252
(signed Girard)

Item 12: a field of sixteen ares, ninety-two centiares (eighteen perches) in .... , Marie Chalmey on the east, Joseph Acremann on the west, sold to Catherine Bichet, widow of Jean-Francoise Erard, living at Rechesy, for eighty francs and she signed after the reading and agreed to the payments 80
(signed Catrine Bichet)

Item 13: a field of nine ares, forty-two centiares (ten perches) in *noyattes*, Joseph Girard on the east, Pierre-Antoine Chapuis on the west, sold to Jean-Pierre Clore the younger, farmer living at Rechesy, for one hundred fifty-two francs, he agreed to the payment of this sum and signed after the reading 152
(signed J.P. Clore)

Item 14: a field of thirteen ares, six centiares (fourteen perches) in *longes royes*, alongside *pagnis des Peaux*, Pierre Antoine Bernard on the east, Pierre Bernard on the west, sold to Jean Pierre Roi, wooden shoe maker living at Rechesy, for one hundred thirty-five francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 135
(signed Roi)

Item 15: a meadow of seven ares, fifty-two centiares (eight percehs) enclosed by a quickset hedge, in the place called *au cotais*, Marc Cerf on the south, Felix Chalmey on the north, sold to Jospeh Chavanne, ...living at Rehcesy, for fifty-three francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 53
(signed Joseph Chavanne)

Item 16: a *noz (?)* of two ares, eighty-two centiares (three perches) in *noz d'aillon*, Xavier Bernard on the south, Pierre-Joseph Pattingre on the north, sold to Jean-Baptiste Chalmey, day laborer living at Rechesy, for sixty francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 60
(signed Chalmey)

Item 17: a *noz* of the same content in the same place, several individuals on the east, Henri Marion on the west, sold to the said Chalmey for thirty francs, he agreed and signed 30

(signed Chalmey)

Item 18: a *noz* of one are, eighty-eight centiares (two perches) in *champ peusard*, Felix Chalmey ... on the south, Jacques Chavannes on the north, sold to Felix Chalmey, farmer living at Rechesy, for forty francs, he agreed and signed 40

(signed Chalmey)

Item 19: a *noz* of two ares, thirty-five centiares (two and one-half percehs) in *la noz au cure*, Jean-Pierre Chavanne on the east and Jean-Baptiste Hainigne on the west, sold to Felix Chalmey for nineteen francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 19

(signed Chalmey)

Item 20: a *noz* of one are, ninety-seven centiares (two perches, one and a half feet) in *noyatte*, the heirs of Jacques Haingne on the east, Jean-Pierre Chavanne on the west, sold to Jean-Baptiste Chavanne the younger, farmer living at Rechesy, for fifty-one francs, he agreed and signed after the reading 51

(signed Chavanne)

By means of which the sellers withdraw and transport (?) this document drawn and heard at Rechesy in the home of Jacque Jardin, tobacconist, January 29, 1828, in the presence of the latter and of Pierre-Joseph Girard, former mayor living in the said place, witnesses, and after the reading the parties, the witnesses and the said notary signed these presents.

(signed – Catherine Kilker Leon Bernard

Girard Jardin

Roland)

MANIFEST OF LA LEONARDE
29 AUGUST 1828
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK - PORT OF NEW YORK

I, M.G. LeDilly, do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of Passengers subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the French brig La Leonarde whereof I am Master, fromHarve. So Help me God! Sworn to, the 29th August 1828, Before me. *M.G. LeDilly*

List or Manifest of all passengers taken on board the French Brig LaLeonarde Whereas M.G. Dillly is Master, from Harve. Burthen 1838/94

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Jean B. Oliver	36	Cabinetmaker
Geneive B.	36	
Marie J.C.	7	
Francoise	2	
Paul Gerard	38	Distiller
Marianne P.	38	
Marie	14	
Marianne	12	
Michael	7	
Jean P.	4	
Madelaine	1	
Jean Gailvoir	28	Potter/Baker
Jean B. Valo	42	Farmer
Marie J. M.	27	
Joseph	6	
Leon Bernard	40	Shoemaker
Cath K	40	
Marie	18	
Joseph	14	
Cath	13	
Francoise	8	
Pierre	5	
Antoine	2.6	
Leon	.8	
Jean B. Cardot	42	Farmer
Jeane B.P.	40	
Jean	16	
Kristin	15	

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Joseph	12	
Jacques	8	
Francoise	.9	
Xavier Bedeaux	36	Weaver
Marianne	32	
Rose	8	
Christine	9	
Therese	1.9	
Rose Malhey	48	Farmer (?)
Therese	17	
Francoise	5	
Joseph	18	
Pierre N. Patingre	42	Distiller
Fleury M.	30	
Justin	30	
Joseph	.8	
Thiebault Spelz	36	Farmer
Francoise	5	
Madelaine	11	
Ann	8	
Thiebault	4	
Jeane	.8	
Francoise Bruer	36	Waiter
Joseph Griffet	26	Stationer
Nicolas Porth	24	Tailor
Joseph Heuriot	40	Farmer
Jeane M.	36	
Julie	13	
Simeon	11	
Adelaide	4	
Marie F.	1.9	
Maurice Montzest	32	Carpenter
Rose E.D.	26	
Jean P.	5	
Rose	4	
Lenard	2.5	
Marie	30	
Michel Bourgeois	64	Cabinetmaker
Marie Ann A.	62	
Jean Kimph	32	Weaver
Genevieve	38	
Marguerite	7	
Annette	5	
Jean P.	2	
Marie Rose Cardot		

WILL OF LEON BERNARD
FEBRUARY 28, 1861

In the name of God of us all, I Leon Bernard make known this my last will as follows:

1st It is my will that after I am dead my just debts shall be paid and that I will be buried according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

2nd It is my will that after I am dead that all my children, Joseph, Franc, Peter, Anthony, Leon, John, Lewis, Magdalena, and Catherine who was married to Joenis Kamper all which as equal heir from what is left from my property shall be devided equal unto each of them. Three of my children Anthony, Peter, and Magdalena, each of them shall have two hundred dollars before the rest as that much more than the rest have, and the residue of the property after all the expenses are paid shall be equally divided.

3rd Out of the share that is coming to my deceased son Leon his debts made in his life time shall be paid first and the residue of his share shall be gain to his children.

4th If the winter seeding is done before I am dead such as wheat, rye, and barley, then shall Anthony, Peter, Magdalena shall have the right to seed and plant the furrrowed ground.

5th I do hereby appoint my son Joseph administrator to settle up all my estate both real and personal by public or private sale just as he can do best with it and the residue after paying the debts and expenses shall be devided among the heirs as before named.

6th That all my loose or chattel property that is left after I am dead shall be sold within six months after my decease and my real estate shall be sold within eighteen months after my decease and my son Joseph shall have full right to give a good and Warranteed Deed for the same as such administrator.

7th And it is my will that my son Joseph may not be required to give bonds for the performance of the above named duties.

In witness whereof I have here unto subscribed my name with my own hand and my seal this 28th day of February A.D. 1861.

Leon Bernard

Signed by Leon Bernard as declared to be his just and correct and last will is his presence and witnessed by us by his request and in his presence.

Joseph Garlach
Karl Garlach
J.H. Steinenman

APPRAISAL AND AUCTION RECORD OF POSSESSIONS OF LEON BERNARD

Johann H. Kroeger & J.H. Steinenman

01 July 1861

#	ITEM	PURCHASER	APPRAISAL	PRICE
1	Butter Churn	Bernard Puthoff	$0.25	$0.50
2	1 Hoe	Peter Bernard	$0.10	$0.30
3	1 Hoe	Henry Puthoff	$0.30	$0.35
4	1 Hoe	Peter Bernard	$0.30	$0.31
5	Kettle	Peter Bernard	$1.00	$0.37
6	Kettle	Peter Bernard	$1.00	$0.40
7	2 Pots	Joseph Bernard	$0.50	$0.05
8	1 Sickle	Joseph Bernard	$0.13	$0.02
9	1 Sickle	Joseph Bernard	$0.12	$0.15
10	1 pr. Stress Chain	Joseph Bernard	$1.00	$0.34
11	1 horn	Peter Bernard	$0.25	$0.25
12	1 Crosscut Saw	Derk Kather	$1.70	$1.70
13	1 Iron	Joseph Bernard	$0.25	$0.25
14	2 Wedges	Peter Bernard	$0.40	$0.50
15	1 sheep shear	Peter Bernard	$0.60	$0.40
16	1 Sheep Shear	B. Puthoff	____	$0.05
17	1 3/4 in. Auger	Joseph Bernard	$0.45	$0.40
18	1 Auger & Pincer	Mich Meyer	$0.30	$0.25
19	1 Draw Knife	Peter Pernard	$0.50	$0.35
20	1 Band Saw	Peter Bernard	____	$0.25
21	1 Cow Bell	Joseph Bernard	$0.30	$0.30
22	1 Cow Bell	Henry Kroger	____	$0.08
23	1 Hammer	Joseph Bernard	$0.25	$0.20
24	1 Hand Hatchet	Henry Kroger	____	$0.50
25	1 Frow	Gerd Kloker	$1.00	$0.60
26	1 Rifle	Joseph Bernard	$6.00	$8.20
27	1 pr. Stress Chain	H. Kroger	$0.50	$0.31
28	1 pr. Stress Chain	G.W. Nietfield	$0.50	$0.43
29	1 pr chains & ?	Anton Bernard	$1.00	$0.90
30	Log Chain	Peter Bernard	$1.25	$1.55
31	Grindstone	Henry Overman	$0.25	$0.31
32	Table & Cover	Peter Bernard	$2.25	$1.50
33	2 Bags	Mich Meyer	$0.40	$0.39
34	2 Bags	Martin Arkenbauer	$0.40	$0.51
35	1 Quilt	Jos. Bernard	____	$0.95
36	1 Feather Bed	Franz Bernard	$2.00	$1.55
37	2 Pillows	Franz Bernard	$2.00	$1.40

APPRAISAL AND AUCTION RECORD OF POSSESSIONS OF LEON BERNARD

Johann H. Kroeger & G.H. Steinenman

01 July 1861

#	ITEM	PURCHASER	APPRAISAL	PRICE
38	2 Bed Covers	Franz Bernard	_____	$0.65
39	2 Straw Bags	Joseph Bernard	$0.40	$0.35
40	1 Bed Curtain	H. Kroger	____	$0.25
41	1 Bedstead	B. Puthoff	$1.75	$1.55
42	1 Clock	Peter Bernard	$2.00	$2.70
43	1 Razor & Strop	Henry Overman	$0.75	$1.25
44	1Razor	Mart Arkenbauer	____	$0.05
45	1 Reticule	Jos Zurback	____	$0.11
46	3 Shirts	Martin Arkenbauer	$1.25	$1.00
47	1 Coat	Joseph Bernard	____	$0.10
48	1 Coat	Martin Arkenbauer	$2.50	$2.20
49	1 Vest	Joseph Bernard	____	$0.10
50	1 Coat	Martin Arkenbauer	$1.50	$1.05
51	1 Coat	Martin Arkenbauer	____	$0.20
52	2 Hats	Joseph Bernard	____	$0.50
53	1 Shirt	Henry Overman	____	$0.60
54	1 Vest	Franz Cunk	____	$0.57
55	2 Breeches	Martin Arkenbauer	$0.50	$0.50
56	2 Breeches	Martin Arkenbauer	$0.75	$0.80
57	1 Spenders	Joseph Bernard	____	$0.10
58	1 Bedstead	Peter Bernard	$1.75	$1.25
59	Haspel	Peter Bernard	$0.25	$0.10
60	Bed Quilt & Cover	Peter Bernard	$4.00	$1.50
61	Bed Quilt & cover	Peter Bernard	$4.00	$1.50
62	1 Chest	Peter Bernard	$1.25	$0.30
63	4 Chairs	Peter Bernard	$1.00	$0.40
64	1 Stove & Furniture	Peter Bernard	$6.00	$2.20
65	1 Stove	Franz Bernard	$0.75	$0.25
66	1 Windmill	Peter Bernard	$12.00	$6.00
67	1 Plough	Bernard Puthoff	$3.50	$3.40
68	1 Harrow	Peter Bernard	$1.50	$2.90
69	1 Shoufel Plough	Peter Bernard	$0.75	$1.40
70	1 Cow	Joseph Bernard	$12.00	$11.75
71	2 Horse Wagon	Peter Bernard	$11.33	$10.67
72	1 Mortise	G.H. Nietfield	____	$0.20
73	1 Throw Knife	Franz Bernard		0.05

LEON BERNARD ESTATE SETTLEMENT

Will Probated: J 5 P. 1.22
Will Record: Vol #3, p. #1.
Inventory/Sale Bill (9) p.32 Book(10)p. 99.
Settlement: Vol#3. p. 395.

LIABILITIES:	AMOUNT
Joseph Barels	$ 9.88
Joseph Barels: Leon Jr. Claim	40.27
Joshua Horley: Leon Jr. Claim	32.28
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Barbara Kemper 14 Feb 1867	$106.00
Joseph Kemper 07 Feb 1864	106.00
Margaret Kemper 18 May 1864	106.00
Elizabeth Kemper18 May 1864	106.00
Probate Court	7.00
Writing Will –	
Gorbach	1.00
Steinneman	1.50
Gorbach Jr.	1.00
Appraisal –	
Steinnemann	1.00
J.H. Kroger	1.00
Coffin – John Goecke	2.60
Bearing Expense	2.50
Sale – M. Gast	1.50
Masses – Rev. Austermann	28.00
Probate Court	2.07
J. H. Lundman	3.50
Anton Bernard	200.00
Peter Bernard	200.00
Debts of Leon –	
Peter Bernard	100.00
Mr. Oetterjohn	40.27
Mr. Steinnemann	54.52
Theo Deppen	9.88

Heirs (deceased)	219.33

ASSETS:

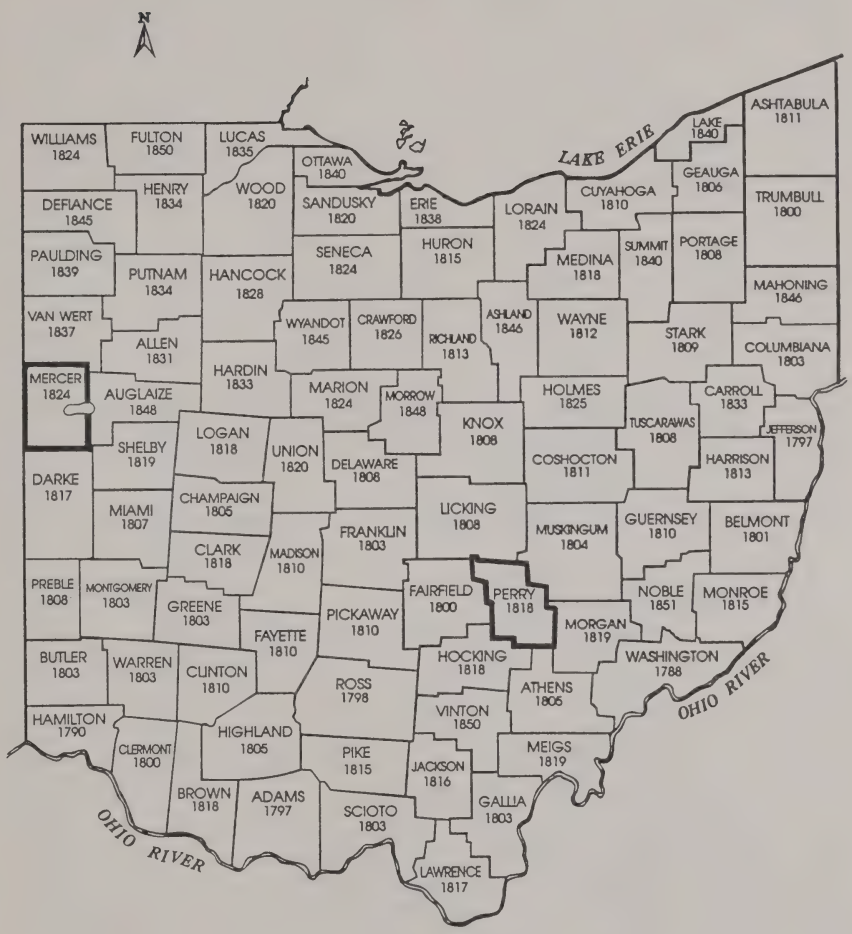
Property Sold	85.36
Cash for note to Steinnemann	100.00
Interest	24.50
Cash for Note to J.H. Steinnmann	200.00
Interest	43.00
	452.86
Real Estate Sold	3330.00
Interest for one year on 3000.Note	240.00
Note for Interest	7.00
	4029.00
	- 633.86
	3396.00

SUMMARY FOR HEIRS:

Peter Bernard	100.00
Rev. Austermann	28.00
Anton Bernard	424.00
Lewis Bernard	424.00
(Settled 11 Feb 1865)	
John Bernard	424.00
(Settled 05 Apr 1864)	
Peter Bernard	200.00
Anton Bernard	200.00
Franz Bernard	424.00
Peter Bernard	424.00
Joseph Bernard	424.00
Barbara Kemper	106.00
(Heir of John and Katherine Kamper)	
Margaret Kemper	106.00
(Heir of John and Katherine Kamper)	
Joseph Kemper	106.00
(Heir of John and Katherine Kamper)	
Elizabeth Kemper	106.00
(Heir of John and Katherine Kamper)	

STREET MAP OF RECHESY FRANCE
SHOWING LOCATION OF BERNARD HOME
Drawn by Mike Uhlenhake

MAP OF OHIO WITH YEARS COUNTIES WERE ORGANIZED
Note Perry and Mercer Counties



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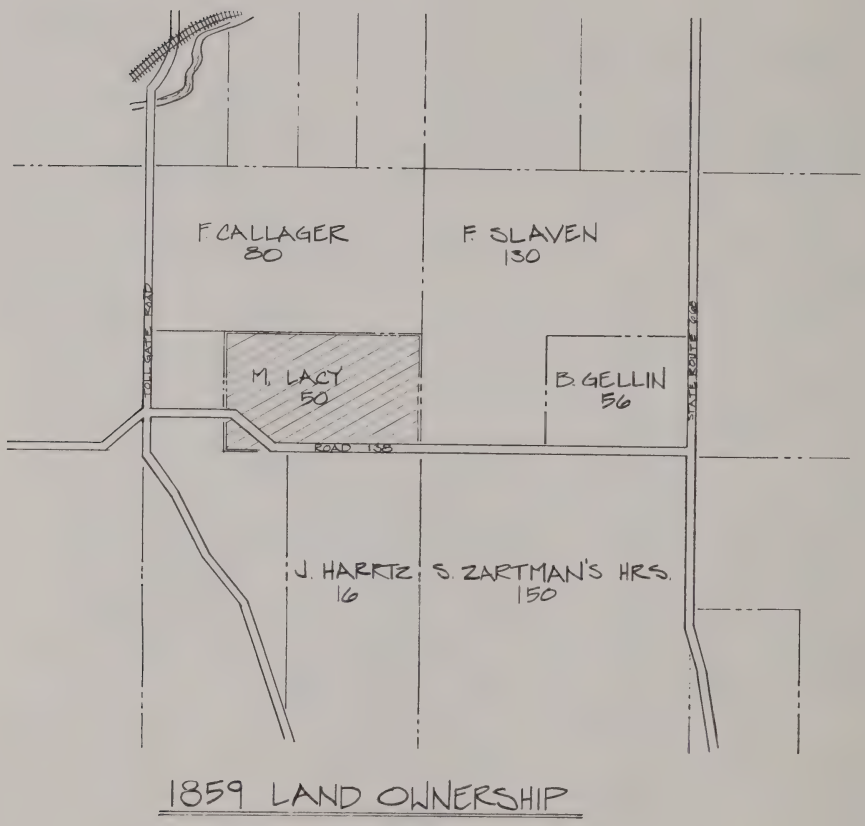
SECTION 33 READING TOWNSHIP, PERRY COUNTY, OHIO
Diagonal lines indicate original land of Leon Bernard



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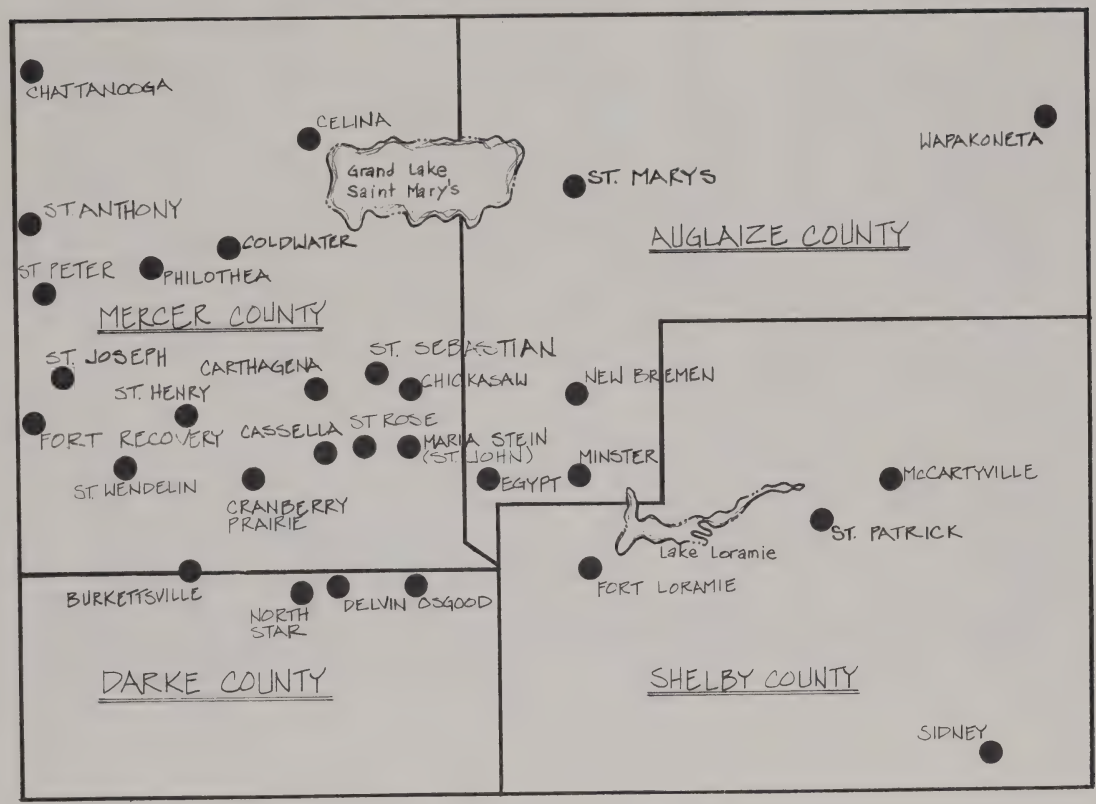
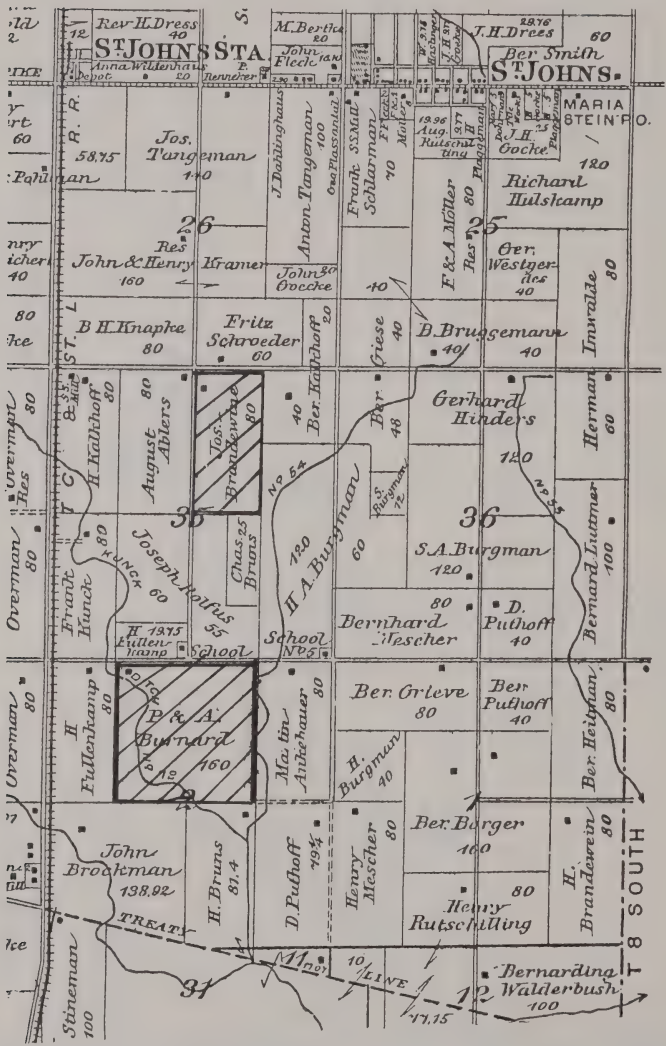
PARISHES AND TOWNS IN MERCER COUNTY AREA



SECTIONS 2 AND 35 OF MARION TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY OHIO
Diagonal lines indicate land of Leon and Joseph Bernard



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TWINS IN THE BERNARD AND RELATED FAMILIES OF FIVE GENERATIONS

No.	Name	Parents
127	Jerome Frank Bernard	Frank and Mary Bernard
128	Henrietta Anna Bernard	
133	Frederick Adolf Bernard	Jacob and Cecilia Bernard
134	Ferdinand R. Bernard	
137	James Bernard	Jacob and Josephine Bernard
138	Rita Catherine Bernard	
146	Sr. Mary Henry Bernard	Henry and Matilda Bernard
147	Sr. Mary Matilda Bernard	
266	Margaret Mary Bernard	Anthony and Regina Bernard
267	Mary Margaret Bernard	
278	Arlene Marie Bernard	William and Ada Bernard
279	Arthur Marion Bernard	
317	Joan Goecke	Gregory and Anselma Goecke
318	John Goecke	
347	Ann Elizabeth Bernard	Leo and Betty Bernard
348	Marie Eleanor Bernard	
470	Velma Stella Puthoff	Joseph and Leona Puthoff
471	Norma Frances Puthoff	
607	Margaret Ellen Hoying	Ivo and Georgiana Hoying
608	Mary Elizabeth Hoying	

642	Denise Ann Abele	James and Catherine Abele
643	Diane Marie Abele	
723	Dana Louise Bernard	Lester and Sylvia Bernard
724	~~Diane~~ ~~Marie~~ Bernard Donna Kay	
726	Douglas Eugene Huwer	Clarence and Sarah Huwer
727	Claudia Jean Huwer	
795	Jean Annette Zink	John and Norma Zink
796	Janice Ann Zink	

Jerome & Henrietta Bernard **Frederick and Ferdinand Bernard**

Arlene and Arthur Bernard

Sister Mary Matilda and
Sister Mary Henry Bernard

Left to right: Fred Bernard, Marie Bernard Sprang,
Anne Bernard Kaller, and Ferd Bernard.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS MEMBERS OF THE BERNARD FAMILY

No.	Priests/Nuns	Order
79	Sister Kathryn Bernard	Precious Blood Congregation
146	Sister Mary Henry Bernard	Ursulines of Cincinnati
147	Sister Mary Matilda Bernard	Ursulines of Cincinnati
219	Rev. Andrew J. Hoying	Diocesan
222	Sister Francis Hoying	Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
234	Rev. Leo A. Hoying	Diocesan
333	Rev. Harold J. Bernard	Diocesan
543	Sister Denise Kleeman	Benedictines of Cullman, AL
565	Sister Patrick Marie Bernard	Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
242	Rev. Donald Hamburger	Diocesan

Sister Kathryn Bernard
(1896-1988)

Sister Mary Henry &
Sister Mary Matilda Bernard

Rev. Harold Bernard
(1922-1983)

BURIAL PLACES OF BERNARDS IN MARION AND GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES - MERCER COUNTY OHIO*

Marion Township

St. John

Agatha (1885-1947)
Anton(1826-1892)
Dula G.(1908-1991)
Elizabeth G.(1860-1948)
Franciskus(1889-1890)
Joseph (1852 - 1942)
Joseph H. (1882-1976)
Josephina (1893-1894)
Maria M.(1887-1888)
Peter (1823-1893)
Priscilla M. (1907-1966)

St. Rose

Agnes (1880)
Anna (1875-1876)
Elizabeth (1873-1875)
Franz (1894)
Johann (1897-1897)
Joseph (1871-1901)
Rita (Fortkamp)(1923-1990)
Wilhelm (1872-1873)

Granville Township

St. Henry

Anthony W. (1891-1959)
Augusta E. (1900-1982)
Bernice A. (1913-1969)
Edward L. (1902-1966)
Franziskus (1846-1915)
Gertrude H. (1899-1977)
George (1887-1937)
Henry J. (1882-1965)
James A.(1922-1943)
Mary M. (1929-1929)
Matilda (1889-1964)
Regina E. (1891-1984)

St. Francis (Cranberry Prairie)

Caroline (1866-1947)
Charles L. (1898-1900)
Elizabeth (1892-1894)
Leonard H. (1907-1908)
Louis (1859-1922)

*Taken from Mercer County Genealogical Society, MERCER COUNTY OHIO CEMETERY INSCRIPTION VOLUME VIII. Celina, Ohio:1992. Some dates changed to reflect historical accuracy.

TRIVIA QUIZ

- Which Bernard member was awarded a Purple Heart Award for bravery?
  p. 102

- Which member had the largest family?
  p. 82

- How many Bernards were in law enforcement professions?
  pgs. 134 (2), 136, 147, 202

- Which Bernard member within the fifth generation lives the farthest from Ohio?
  p. 217

- Which Bernard member was mayor of St. Henry?
  p. 131

- Who was employed as a wheelwright in Cincinnati?
  p. 87

- Which twin sisters became nuns?
  p.107

- Who moved to Massachusetts and became prominent in Democratic politics?
  p. 138

- Which two Bernard brothers established several furniture stores?
  p. 145-146

- Who was the first Bernard family member to die in the United States?
  p. 74

- Who operated hotels in several Ohio communities?
  p.91

- Which two brothers worked as morticians?
  p. 202,204

- Whose funeral was officiated by an Archbishop and 35 priests?
  p. 125

- Which family member worked at McCalls Magazine?
  p. 108

- Which two Bernards served as drummers in five piece dance bands/orchestras?
  p.128, 134

- Which Bernard member worked as a blacksmith in four Ohio towns?
  p. 101

- Who initiated the testing of first Breathlyzer Test in Ohio?
  p. 202

- Which Bernard member served in Coldwater, Ohio as mayor, superintendent of schools, and member of the Board of Education for twelve years?
  p. 122

- Which Bernard member practiced dentistry in Ohio for 57 years?
  p. 149

- Who was the first family member to become a physician?
  p. 123

- Which Bernard became sheriff of Mercer County?
  p. 136

- Which Bernard member was a prosecuting attorney for Mercer County?
  p. 180

- Who was a parent of both a priest and a nun?
  p.124

- Which Bernard member served simultaneously as a Police Chief and Fire Chief?
  p. 134

- Which two family members married surgeons?
  p. 102, 214

- Which family member played professional baseball with the Cleveland Indians and was inducted in the Ft. Wayne Baseball Hall of Fame?
  p. 204

- Which Bernard traveled to Europe to research this book and spent many years writing and publishing it?
  p.134

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